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Summary

This dissertation aims to pioneer an integrative approach that includes all lines of evidence to comprehensively and in detail reconstruct the biology of an extinct animal. Specifically, the dissertation consists of several contributions to understanding the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs. Oviraptorid dinosaurs are a distinctive group of feathered maniraptoran dinosaurs from the Late Cretaceous and are characterized by their toothless, parrot-like beaks. They constitute Oviraptorosauria together with Caenagnathidae. Oviraptorid dinosaurs left a superb record of skeletal fossils, clutches, and eggs that inform on their reproductive biology. For instance, an oviraptorosaurian pelvis with a pair of shelled eggs inside elucidated their intermediate stage of ovulation and oviduct function between crocodiles and birds. The endothermy inferred from bone histology and discoveries of feathered dinosaurs in the last decades demonstrated that dinosaurs were closely related to modern birds. The association of an oviraptorid adult “sitting” on a clutch is represented by several Mongolian and Chinese fossils and was interpreted as brooding behavior, a parental care mode only present in modern birds. Despite controversies over this interpretation, these amazing fossils led to the current view that the biology of these near-bird dinosaurs can be inferred from that of modern birds.

However, evidence from chemical, taphonomic, and ecological approaches presented in this dissertation reveals a unique reproductive biology in oviraptorid dinosaurs. Raman spectrometry, elemental mapping, chemometric analysis, and mass spectrometry indicate the preservation of cuticle on eggshell and tetrapyrrolic pigments in eggshell, suggested that the oviraptorid egg was cuticle-coated and its shell was blue-greenish in color. In addition to the colored eggshell, heterogeneous distribution of porosity over the egg indicates a semi-buried clutch. The investigation of several well-preserved oviraptorid clutches reveals that the oviraptorid clutch consists of three to four rings of paired eggs, the blunt end of which points to the center devoid of eggs in an inclining angle of more than 40 degrees. In ovo oviraptorid embryos at different developmental stages from the same clutch suggested hatching asynchrony, which was possibly a result of communal nesting and polygamy. All of these lines of evidence demonstrate a unique reproductive mode in oviraptorid dinosaurs that differs from

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modern birds in egg structure, clutch architecture and nesting mode, and from less derived dinosaurs and crocodiles in hatching mode and parental investment. Such a unique reproductive mode lacking any modern analogs is contrary to the current view that the nesting biology of these near-bird dinosaurs is analogous to that of modern birds since they are closely related.

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PUBLICATION	ABSTRACT
no publication planned	<p>Dinosaur eggs, clutches, and nests have been discovered around the world, especially in China and Mongolia. Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn described a specimen of <i>Oviraptor philoceratops</i> clutch-adult association from Mongolia and proposed that this <i>Oviraptor</i> individual was preying on a <i>Protoceratops</i> clutch (AMNH 6517; Osborn, 1924). This genus name “Oviraptor” was later used to denote the clade Oviraptoridae, which comprises the higher clade Oviraptorosauria with the clade Caenagnathidae. However, due to the at that time insufficient understanding of which type of egg was produced by which biological species, the speculation of <i>Oviraptor</i> being an “egg thief” had long been in debate. Eventually, a pioneer scientist, Dr. Zikui Zhao from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology in Beijing, China, developed a modern parataxonomic system (Zhao, 1975). His work provided paleontologists with a common scientific language facilitating communication and allowing for hierarchical organization of egg specimens based on identifiable characters of eggshells. In 1994, following the establishment of the modern parataxonomic system, an embryo-bearing elongatoolithid egg was discovered in Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia, and assigned to an oviraptorid dinosaur (Theropoda: Oviraptorosauria, sometimes termed as oviraptors) based on several synapomorphies. The oviraptorid embryo-bearing egg falsified Osborn’s 1924 hypothesis, demonstrating that the elongatoolithid eggs described by Osborn had been actually laid by oviraptorids rather than <i>Protoceratops</i>. In the following year, Norell et al. (1995) reported a <i>Citipati</i> clutch-adult association from Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia, hypothesizing that the brooding behavior—a typical</p>

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extant avian trait—had already appeared in dinosaurs. In combination with the discoveries of feathered dinosaurs from China and Canada in the last decade ([Ji et al., 1998](#); [Zelenitsky et al., 2012](#)), brooding dinosaurs have been gradually accepted by most dinosaur paleontologists. However, the brooding hypothesis was questioned by several poultry scientists and still remains controversial. These arguments also raised a number of additional questions that are worthy of being further investigated from different perspectives and with various cutting-edge methods. The past 20 years have led to a rapid increase of knowledge on dinosaur reproductive biology thanks to a number of striking fossil discoveries, including clutch-adult associations, two gravid oviraptorosaurs, and numerous embryo-bearing eggs. These discoveries still yield great potential for extensive studies on the reproductive biology of dinosaurs. Moreover, a recent article documented these discoveries and provided a review of the evolution of reproductive biology from basal theropods to modern birds ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). From the perspective of reproductive biology, the authors consider that the oviraptors are an intermediate group, representing a part of the continuum of the evolution toward modern birds. However, more and more evidence arising from the fossil record indicates that oviraptors exhibited a peculiar reproductive biology not analogous to that of modern birds. More reevaluation and explicit interpretations are thus necessary. This dissertation aims to elucidate dinosaur reproductive biology, especially that of oviraptorid dinosaurs. Using background information from ornithology, poultry science, and ecology and combining this with chemical analytical methods, the thesis attempts to reach a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of reproductive biology in derived theropods.

I-1 Previous Studies I: Research on Dinosaur Eggs

The mineralized eggshell is an evolutionary novelty that enables vertebrates to reproduce on land. Various features adaptations of the eggshell are adaptations to different environments and nesting strategies. All dinosaurian eggshells are composed of two to three calcareous fiber layers that show different crystallite patterns (parallel, random felt-work, or widely spaced). Pores in dinosaurian eggshells are in charge of adjusting the humidity and oxygen concentration. Already in 1923 [van Straelen & Denaeyer \(1923\)](#) recognized that the pores might allow inferences to be made on the microclimate of dinosaur nests. Since then many paleontologists suggested that the nesting mode of dinosaurs can be deduced by estimating the porosity and water vapor conductance of eggshells. Focusing on oviraptors, [van Straelen \(1925\)](#) suggested that the Mongolian oviraptorid dinosaur eggs may have been laid in an arid climate because of the low porosity of the shell. Later, both [Mou \(1992\)](#) and [Deeming \(2006\)](#) indicated that the oviraptorid eggs had relatively higher water vapor conductance, inconsistent with an arid nesting environment. A problem with the water vapor conductance estimation is that the measurements of the porosity was limited to a single piece of eggshell. [Varricchio et al. \(2013\)](#) measured the porosity over a *Troodon* egg and noticed that the porosity is heterogeneously distributed over the egg which could also apply to the eggs of the closely related oviraptor. Because of all of these competing theories, the porosity of oviraptorid eggs and their interpreted nesting environments are worthy of being re-investigated.

In addition to the porosity, paleontologists have long been interested in the microstructure and composition of dinosaur eggs. Unfortunately, apart from the calcareous eggshell, most soft-tissue or proteinaceous structures, such as the cuticle, the *membrana testacea*, and pigments, were considered unlikely to be preserved during fossilization. Surprisingly, recent studies revealed a great extent of soft-tissue preservation in fossils using cutting-edge chemical methods ([Schweitzer et al., 2005a](#); [Schweitzer, Wittmeyer & Horner, 2005](#); [Schweitzer et al., 2005b](#); [Schweitzer et al., 2007](#); [Schweitzer et al., 2016](#)). These new chemical techniques will help paleontologists further understand the structure of dinosaur eggshells.

Besides, the inner structure of a dinosaur egg is also unlikely preserved. However,

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based on indirect evidence inferred from fossil record, it was suggested that oviraptorosaurian eggs are weakly asymmetrical, implying the development of an proto-air cell in the blunt end ([Grellet-Tinner et al., 2006](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). They also demonstrated that the chalazae (a membranous strip that stabilizes egg yolk) evolved in response to eggs incubated in open nests.

I-2 Previous Studies II: Reproductive Biology of Dinosaurs

Despite numerous discoveries of dinosaur eggs around the world, most studies restricted themselves to descriptive and comparative work, without further exploration of the ecological and behavioral aspects. For instance, numerous previous reconstructions of oviraptorid clutches failed to lead to a full understanding because the detailed pattern of oviraptorid clutches had never been investigated ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). Although the pairedness in oviraptorid clutches has been frequently observed, [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) considered that the pairedness in oviraptorid clutches has never been rigorously statistically tested. The pairedness in oviraptorid clutches is hence representative of a clutch without any postlaying manipulation. In addition to the pairedness, the highly organized arrangement in oviraptorid clutches has been documented ([Zelenitsky, 2006](#)) but not well investigated.

[Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) proposed that the bird-like brooding behavior already appeared in non-avian dinosaurs based on a *Citipati* clutch-adult association from Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia. Up to now, five clutch-adult associations have been discovered in China and Mongolia, demonstrating that the clutch-adult association is not an exceptional case ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Webster, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). However, this hypothesis was questioned by several studies ([Martin & Simmons, 1995](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#); [Hopp & Orsen, 2004](#); [Yang, Cheng & Yang, 2011](#); [Jones et al., 2012](#)). All hypotheses are compromised by previous ill-defined interpretations of the clutch architecture of an oviraptorid clutch ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). A reevaluation of oviraptorid clutch architecture that includes all available evidence is thus crucial to decipher the reproductive biology of oviraptorids.

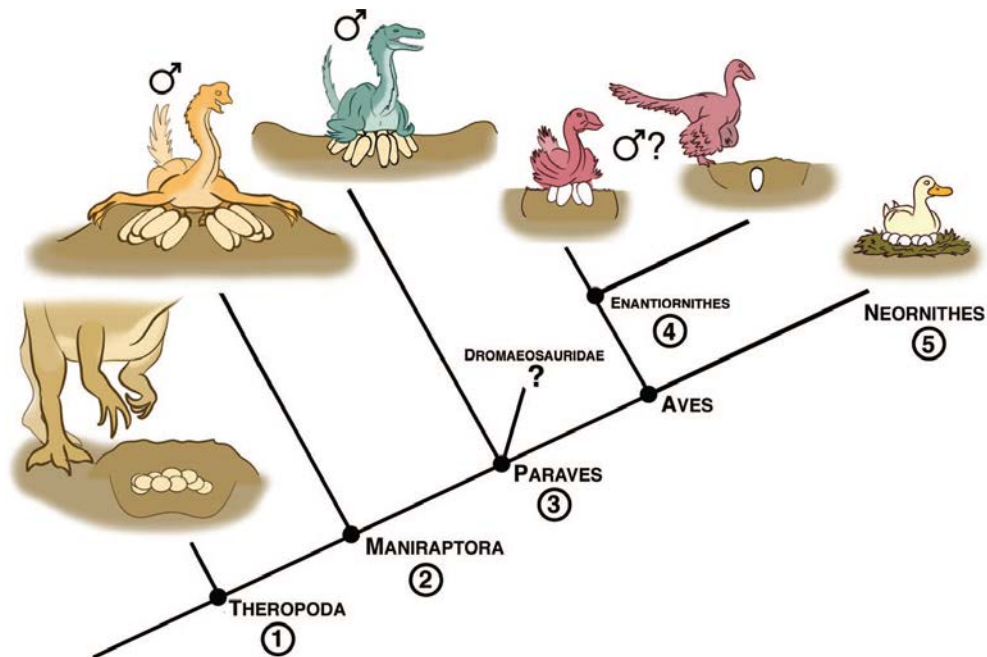


Figure 1-1 Phylogeny with five hypothesized stages for the evolution of reproductive biology from basal theropod to modern birds. Stage 1, basal theropods: spherical eggs with high porosity in a buried nest, neither brooding nor parental care. Stage 2, oviraptors: monoautochronic ovulation, egg size increase, more elongate egg shape, prominent surface ornamentation, male brooding on a clutch of highly organized, paired-arranged eggs in a buried nest. Stage 3, troodontids: monoautochronic ovulation, increasing egg asymmetry, no surface ornamentation, male brooding on a clutch of highly organized, paired-arranged eggs in a partial open nest. Stage 4, Enantiornithes: right ovary and oviduct regress, increasing relative egg size, reduction in egg elongation, possibly brooding on a clutch of eggs or a single egg, buried in sand. Stage 5, Neornithes (modern birds): monochronic ovulation (single oviduct that produces one egg per oviposition). However, the studies in this dissertation indicated that this continuum is problematic since oviraptorosaurs exhibited a peculiar reproductive biology that is not analogous to any extant clades. Reproduced from [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#).

A number of hypotheses have been proposed regarding reproductive biology of oviraptorids. [Sato et al. \(2005\)](#) reported a gravid oviraptorosaur and suggested that the specimen represents an intermediate stage of oviduct function between reptiles and birds (monoautochronic ovulation, two functional oviducts, each produces one egg per oviposition). This report explained the pairedness in numerous oviraptorosaurian clutches. In recent years, several studies attempted to elucidate reproductive behaviors in oviraptorid dinosaurs. For instance, a report of four oviraptorid embryo-bearing eggs, which were putatively assigned to a single clutch, suggested that oviraptorid dinosaurs hatched asynchronously ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)). In the same year, based on statistical

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analyses of the ratio of clutch size to adult mass and the absence of medullary bone in the clutch-adult associations, [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) suggested the presence of polygamous behavior in troodontid and oviraptorid dinosaurs. However, [Birchard, Ruta & Deeming \(2013\)](#) applied the statistical methodology in [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) to a bigger dataset, and found that polygamous behavior cannot be inferred from the ratio of clutch size to adult mass in birds. To conclude, all aforementioned pioneer studies on reproductive behaviors of oviraptorid dinosaurs need more supportive evidence or further investigation by means of new techniques.

[Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) reviewed a surge of studies regarding fossil eggs, embryos, egg clutches, and clutch-adult associations and attempted to conclude a progressive pattern of reproductive biology from (1) basal theropod dinosaurs, (2) oviraptors, (3) troodontids, (4) Enantiornithes, to (5) modern birds (Figure I-1). They concluded that oviraptors showed intermediate traits in the evolution of reproductive biology between reptiles and modern birds. However, more and more evidence, as shown by various studies in this dissertation, has gradually revealed that oviraptorosaurs exhibited a peculiar reproductive biology that is not analogous to any extant clades, indicating that the evolution of reproductive biology is not a progressive continuum in dinosaurs.

I-3 Aim of Dissertation

The majority of known dinosaur eggs, embryos, and clutches has been ascribed to Oviraptoridae, a subclade of Oviraptorosauria. Although [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) have documented and reviewed these fossils and reached several conclusions (see sections I-1 & I-2), it has become apparent that more studies are necessary to elucidate the peculiarity of oviraptorid reproductive biology because of sometimes erroneous conclusions of previous authors. Therefore, this dissertation will put emphasis on the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs and extend our understanding of their nesting strategies. I hope that this dissertation will amplify the interest in the study of dinosaur eggs because it integrates different biological aspects, chemical analytical methods, and paleontological perspectives to decipher and highlight the distinctiveness of reproduction of oviraptorid dinosaurs.

This dissertation includes an essay, six chapters testing hypotheses, and a synthesis.

The essay (Chapter 2) links reproductive biology to developmental biology to open up a new perspective. Four studies discussing (1) the structure of dinosaur egg and interpreted reproductive biology (Chapter 3 & Chapter 4) and (2) reproduction-related behaviors inferred by new evidence (Chapter 5 & Chapter 6) constitute the core of this dissertation. The Chapter 7 provides a comprehensive synthesis compiled from previous chapters (Chapter 2 to Chapter 6), summarizing our understanding of the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs.

I-4 Description of Chapters

Chapter 2, published as [Yang & Sander \(2018\)](#), is an essay inspired by a recent paper about incubation periods in dinosaurs ([Erickson et al., 2017](#)). This chapter briefly reviews research on the evolution of bird's beaks and dinosaur incubation periods. Despite of numerous studies on the evolution of bird's toothless beaks from the perspective of developmental biology and ecology, the advantage of bearing a toothless beak is unknown. In this chapter, a new hypothesis, i.e., that the incubation periods may be a selection pressure for toothlessness in birds, is proposed.

Chapter 3, published as [Yang et al. \(2018a\)](#), tests if the cuticle layer, a bi-layered proteinaceous structure covering the calcareous eggshell, is preserved and detectable in fossilized dinosaur eggs. The chapter thus focuses on the preservation of soft tissue in dinosaur eggshells of birds, in an attempt to elucidate the nesting ecology of dinosaurs. While numerous studies showed putative cuticle preservation, all analyses thus far were restricted to observation under the polarized light microscope (PL) or scanning electron microscope (SEM). For the first time, we performed electron probe micro-analysis (EPMA) and Raman spectrometry (RS) on dinosaur eggs and detected the preservation of the cuticle layer. The presence of a cuticle layer suggests an open nesting mode for oviraptorid dinosaurs in the Late Cretaceous mesic environments of southern China.

Chapter 4, published as [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#), tests if dinosaur eggs were pigmented using mass spectrometry. *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggs, assignable to the oviraptorid *Heyuannia huangji* from different Chinese localities were sampled for this study. The chemical analysis suggests that *Heyuannia* eggs were blue-green in color. From an ecological perspective, colored eggs would have been camouflaged *Heyuannia*, reducing egg predation. The study also revealed that oviraptor eggs were semi-buried,

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based on the heterogeneous distribution of porosity in the *Heyuannia* egg. The discovery of pigmentation in oviraptorid dinosaur eggshells concurred the conclusion in Chapter 3 that oviraptorid dinosaurs built at least partially open nest.

Chapter 5 describes five complete *Macroolithus* clutches from China and re-examines two reported oviraptor clutch-adult associations. Since 1995, the oviraptor adults sitting atop a clutch have been interpreted as brooding behavior in dinosaurs. While several studies argued against the brooding hypothesis, none of them has proposed an alternative hypothesis to explain the occurrence of oviraptor adult-associated specimens. This study integrates ecological and taphonomic aspects to propose that the sitting oviraptorid dinosaurs were not brooding, but in the process of laying. In addition, the oviraptorid nest is reconstructed for the first time based on taphonomic evidence and previous work on the pigment detection and porosity distribution (Chapter 3 & Chapter 4).

Chapter 6 reports a partial oviraptorid embryo-bearing clutch from Hongcheng Basin, Jiangxi, China. This specimen consists of three embryo-bearing eggs, including a pair and a single eggs. The stage of development of the embryos reveals an asynchronous hatching mode for oviraptorids. In accordance with a previous study ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)), this chapter demonstrates that asynchronous hatching is a typical feature of oviraptorids.

Chapter 7 is a comprehensive review that discusses the reproductive biology of oviraptorids, and, more generally, oviraptorosaurians. The origin of the peculiar avian reproductive behavior has long attracted attention of evolutionary biologists and paleontologists. Integrating the results of previous studies, we intend to arrive at a comprehensive hypothesis for oviraptorid reproductive biology, and to extend our understanding from oviraptorid to other clades within Dinosauria. As noted, [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) had suggested that oviraptors exhibited an intermediate stage in the evolution toward modern birds. Chapter 7, on the other hand, highlights the peculiar reproductive biology of oviraptors that does represent an intermediate stage between basal dinosaurs and birds.

I-5 Institutional and Technical Abbreviations

Institutional abbreviations: AGM, Anhui Geological Museum, Hefei, Anhui Province,

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China; CM, Chimei Museum, Tainan, Taiwan; BMNH, Beijing Museum of Natural History, Beijing, China; CMN, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Canada; DM, Darwin Museum, Keelung, Taiwan; HGM, Henan Geological Museum, Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China; IGM, Institute of Geology, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; IMM, Inner Mongolia Museum, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia Province, China; IMNH, Idaho Museum of Natural History, Pocatello, Idaho, USA; IPB, Institute of Paleontology, Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany; IVPP, Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Beijing, China; MNHM, Mokpo Natural History Museum, Mokpo, South Korea; MOR, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman, Montana, USA; MPC, Mongolian Paleontological Center, Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia; NMNS, National Museum of Natural Sciences, Taichung, Taiwan; MPIE, Max-Planck-Institute for Iron Research, Dusseldorf, Germany; PFMM, Paleowonders Fossil and Mineral Museum, New Taipei City, Taiwan (current name: SMNH, Shishang Museum of Natural History, New Taipei City, Taiwan); SDM, Sihai Dinosaur Popular Science and Culture Museum of Shanghai, Shanghai, China; STM, Shandong Tianyu Museum of Nature, Linyi, Shandong Province, China; XDEM, Xixia Dinosaur Egg Museum, Xixia, Henan Province, China; ZFMK, Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander König, Bonn, Germany.

Technical abbreviations: CT-Scan, X-ray computed tomography scan; EPMA, electron probe micro-analysis; ESI-Q-TOF-MS, Electrospray ionization quadrupole time-of-flight mass spectrometry; FEI-SEM, field emission scanning electron microscope; Fm, Formation; HPLC, high performance liquid chromatography; MT, *membrana testacea*; PLM, polarized light microscopy; RS, Raman spectrometry; SEM, scanning electron microscopy; TEM, transmission electron microscopy; WDS, wavelength dispersive spectrometer; ZAF, matrix correction factors. Z, atomic number correction; A, absorption correction; F, characteristic fluorescence correction.

Chapter 2 The origin of the bird's beak: New insights from dinosaur egg incubation periods

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<p>Yang T-R and Sander PM. 2018 The origin of the bird's beak: New insights from dinosaur egg incubation periods. <i>Biology Letters</i> 5(14):20180090. DOI:10.1098/rsbl.2018.0090 (with some modifications)</p>	<p>The toothless beak of modern birds was considered as an adaption for feeding ecology; however, several recent studies suggested that developmental factors are also responsible for the toothless beak. Neontological and palaeontological studies have progressively uncovered how birds evolved toothless beaks and suggested that the multiple occurrences of complete edentulism in non-avian dinosaurs were the result of selection for specialized diets. Although developmental biology and ecological factors are not mutually exclusive, the conventional hypothesis that ecological factors account for the toothless beak appears insufficient. A recent study on dinosaur incubation period using embryonic teeth posited that tooth formation rate limits developmental speed, constraining toothed dinosaur incubation to slow reptilian rates. We suggest that selection for tooth loss was a side effect of selection for fast embryo growth and thus shorter incubation. This observation would also explain the multiple occurrences of tooth loss and beaks in non-avian dinosaur taxa crownward of <i>Tyrannosaurus</i>. Whereas our hypothesis is an observation without any experimental supports, more studies of gene regulation of tooth formation in embryos would allow testing for the trade-off between incubation period and tooth development.</p>

2-1 Introduction

As often in evolutionary research, a comprehensive perspective that includes life forms only known from the fossil record helps to decide between alternative hypotheses that were established only based on the living survivors. Theropod dinosaurs crownward of *Tyrannosaurus* evolved smaller body sizes approaching those of birds and varied feeding preferences, particularly in near-bird dinosaurs ([Lautenschlager et al., 2013](#); [Lee et al., 2014](#)). Some were even herbivorous and beaked in the bird sense (toothless and with a rhamphotheca).

While such beaks are also present in turtles and some extinct reptile clades, birds are the most diverse and arguably most successful beaked amniote clade. The beak is one of many other characters (prime among them are feathers; [Koschowitz, Fischer & Sander, 2014](#); [Xu et al., 2014](#)) once considered unique to birds and a pivotal innovation, which enabled birds to survive through the K-Pg extinction event ([Larson, Brown & Evans, 2016](#)). The origin of the beak has been ascribed to both genetic (developmental economy) and ecological (food acquisition and flights) causes in the recent literature ([Lautenschlager et al., 2013](#); [Bhullar et al., 2015](#); [Bhullar et al., 2016](#); [Bright et al., 2016](#); [Cooney et al., 2017](#); [Felice & Goswami, 2017](#); [Wang et al., 2017a](#); [Wang et al., 2017b](#); [Wang, Zhang & Yang, 2018](#)). Based on a recent elegant study of dinosaur embryonic teeth ([Erickson et al., 2017](#)), we hypothesized that incubation period is a key selection pressure for toothlessness.

2-2 The Conventional Hypothesis for the Origin of Edentulism and the Beak

Numerous toothless non-avian dinosaurs and toothed Mesozoic birds (e.g., *Hesperornis* and *Ichthyornis*) reveal that edentulism evolved several times in dinosaurs (Figure 2-1). [Zhou, Zhang & Li \(2010\)](#) assumed that birds lost their teeth for a reduction in body weight and active flight; however, this hypothesis is invalidated by numerous discoveries of airborne toothed Mesozoic birds such as pelagornithids and *Ichthyornis*. The conventional hypothesis for the origin of birds' toothless beak attributes this feature to ecological adaptations ([Zusi, 1993](#)), and a surge of recent studies appears to provide support ([Hieronymus & Witmer, 2010](#); [Zanno & Makovicky, 2011](#); [Larson, Brown & Evans,](#)

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2016; [Cooney et al., 2017](#)). For instance, [Cooney et al. \(2017\)](#) showed that ecological adaptation led to the explosive diversification of bird's beaks after the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous, 66 million years ago. However, the K-Pg mass extinction event also wiped out some edentulous Mesozoic birds, indicating that ecological factors cannot be the only explanation ([Larson, Brown & Evans, 2016](#)). Alternatively, edentulism and the beak have been hypothesized to strengthen the skull of some non-avian theropods and birds ([Lautenschlager et al., 2013](#)), but hypotheses rooted in development also have to be considered. The morphometric studies of [Bright et al. \(2016\)](#) on living raptors and [Felice & Goswami \(2017\)](#) indicated that bird beak shape is strongly coupled with body size and controlled by nondietary factors such as specific genes active during development. They also hypothesized that non-avian dinosaurs and birds faced similar constraints on beak shape and broke the developmental constraint to vary their beak shape.

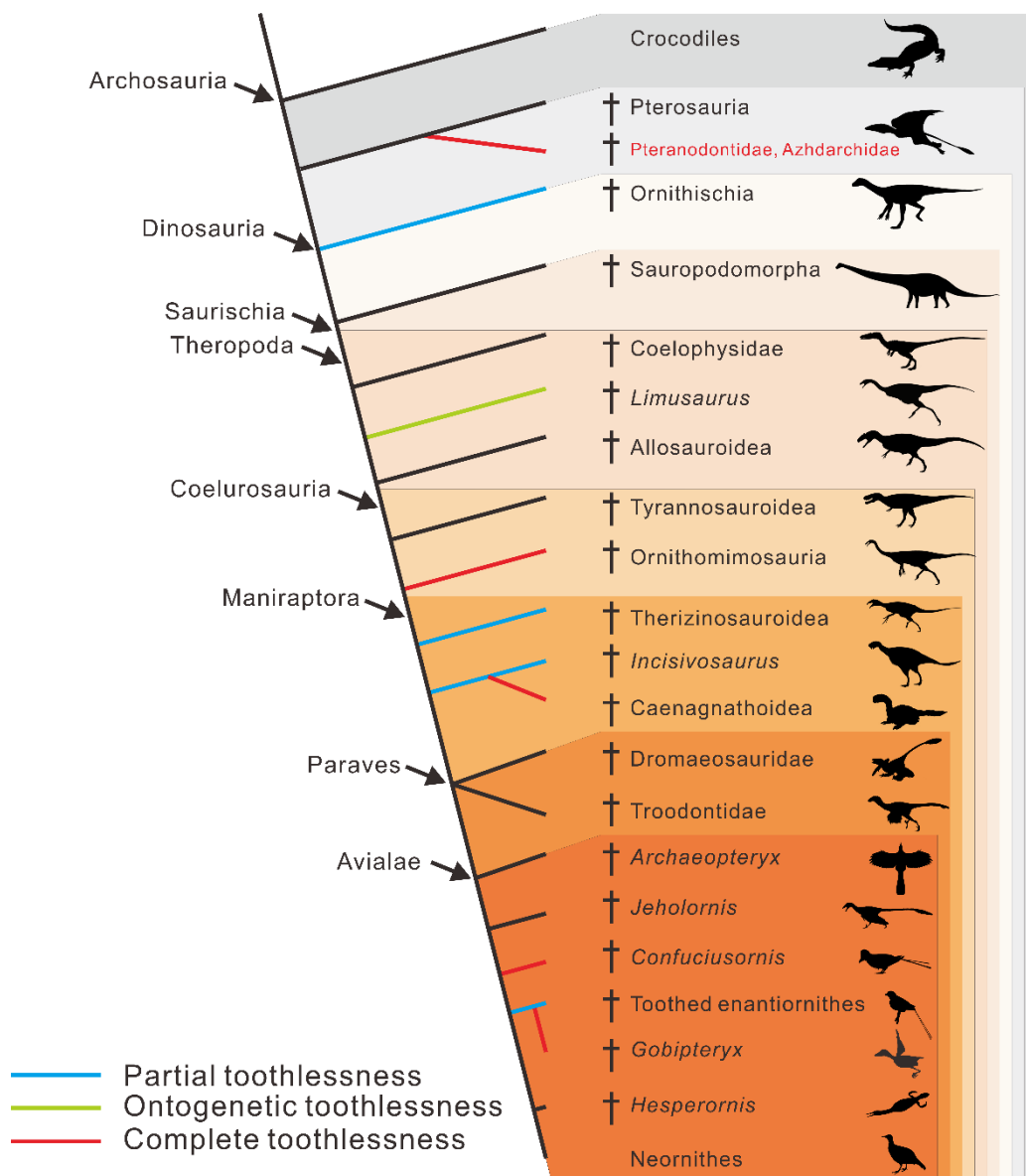


Figure 2-1 Toothlessness in dinosaurs. Consensus cladogram of Archosauria shows that edentulism frequently evolved independently in several lineages. All Ornithischia, Therizinosauroidae, *Incisivosaurus*, and toothed Enantiornithes exhibit partial tooth loss. Ontogenetic edentulism has been reported for the theropod *Limusaurus* from China ([Wang et al., 2017a](#)). Complete edentulism is observed in some pterosaurs, Ornithomimosauria, Caenagnathoidea (including Oviraptoridae), some Mesozoic birds such as *Confuciusornis* and *Gobipteryx*, and all extant birds (Neornithes). Silhouettes were taken from public domain images on phylopic.org.

2-3 Developmental Evidence from Genetics and Fossils

Numerous studies from developmental biology have proposed various genetic mechanisms to explain edentulism. [Chen et al. \(2000\)](#) provided evidence for edentulism

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involving a mutation that inactivated the genetic pathways for tooth formation in deep evolutionary history. In fact, birds still retain some intact signalling pathways for tooth formation, consistent with the existence of tooth primordia ([Chen et al., 2000](#)). [Chen et al. \(2000\)](#)'s developmental biology experiments suggested that the absence of *Bmp4* contributes to edentulism in the chicken. In another study, [Harris et al. \(2006\)](#) hypothesized that the loss of direct apposition between an epithelial signalling centre and the mesenchyme is responsible for avian edentulism.

Combining evidence from fossils and experimental developmental biology revealed the genetic regulation of edentulism in modern birds and provided a potential genetic mechanism for its evolution ([Bhullar et al., 2015](#); [Bhullar et al., 2016](#)). A developmental explanation for the origin of edentulism was further supported by three very recent studies based on fossils: one on the Jurassic ceratosaurian theropod *Limusaurus* ([Wang et al., 2017a](#)) and the other two on a caenagnathid oviraptorosaur (Figure 2-2; [Wang et al., 2017b](#); [Wang, Zhang & Yang, 2018](#)) and the Early Cretaceous bird *Sapeornis* (Figure 2-2; [Wang et al., 2017b](#)). *Limusaurus* gradually lost teeth with age, indicating that its edentulism evolved through a shift toward earlier cessation of tooth replacement, which can be explained by heterochrony, specifically progenesis (Figure 2-3; [Wang et al., 2017b](#)). The studies on the caenagnathid and *Sapeornis* supported this interpretation of heterochrony ([Wang et al., 2017a](#); [Wang, Zhang & Yang, 2018](#)).

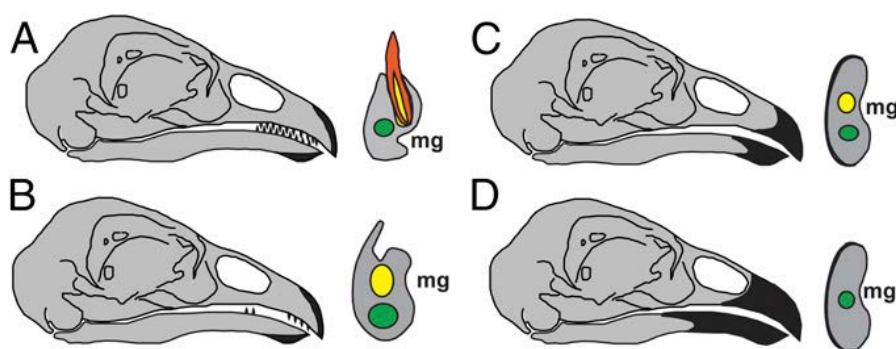


Figure 2-2 A model of theropod toothlessness. Right lateral view of skull (left) and transverse view of dentary (right) (reprinted from [Wang et al., 2017b](#)). (A) Normal tooth development without being hampered by the rhamphotheca (grey part). (B) Tooth growth is hampered by the closure of alveoli. (C) Remaining teeth malfunctioned when the rhamphotheca expands. (D) Toothless beak covered by rhamphotheca. Green, mandibular canal; yellow, alveolus and alveolar canal; orange, tooth; grey, rhamphotheca. (Not to scale)

2-4 Incubation Periods as a Selective Factor for Edentulism

Support for the importance of heterochrony in beak evolution now comes from an unexpected line of evidence, reproductive biology of non-avian dinosaurs. Once believed to be inaccessible in fossils, data on dinosaur incubation periods have become available by an ever-increasing sample of dinosaur embryos preserved at different stages of development. This unexpected line of evidence is brought to bear in an elegant new study based on such fossils by [Erickson et al. \(2017\)](#).

All dinosaurs hatched from eggs, and incubation period is one of the crucial traits in reproductive biology of egg-laying (oviparous) amniotes. Incubation time is of great evolutionary significance ([Werner & Griebeler, 2013](#); [Ruxton, Birchard & Deeming, 2014](#); [Erickson et al., 2017](#)). Fast incubation reduces the risk of egg mortality from predation, diseases, and natural disasters. In the past, dinosaur incubation periods were estimated using bird models as 45 to 82 days, but [Erickson et al. \(2017\)](#) now provide direct evidence to the contrary. This evidence is von Ebner lines (daily incremental lines in tooth dentin) in embryonic teeth of two groups of ornithischian dinosaurs, ceratopsians and hadrosaurids. Von Ebner line counts in Late Cretaceous *Protoceratops* embryos from Mongolia and *Hypacrosaurus* embryos from Canada indicate that these dinosaurs had the long incubation periods of three to six month typical of modern reptiles.

Since there is a great selective advantage to fast incubation and to fast development in general, this raises the question of what limited incubation period in these ceratopsians and hadrosaurs to slow reptilian rates and how this limitation was overcome in derived theropods, i.e., on the line to modern birds. [Erickson et al. \(2017\)](#) hypothesized the rate of tooth dentin formation in the embryo to be the limiting factor. They note that teeth do not appear earlier than around 40% through incubation time, and that tooth formation rate is constrained by the maximum thickness of 30 μm of the daily growth increments in the dentin (von Ebner lines). The authors posit accordingly that all toothed dinosaurs would have been restricted to long reptilian incubation periods.

This hypothesis is consistent with the observation that most dinosaurs built reptile-like nests by burying their eggs and providing little parental care ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). Only in dinosaurs crownward of *Tyrannosaurus* is there evidence for the evolution

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of open nests and brooding, which would have made faster incubation possible than in buried eggs (Figure 2-1; [Deeming et al., 2006](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). Evidence for brooding goes along with evidence for endothermy such as fast growth ([Erickson, 2014](#)) and insulation ([Koschowitz, Fischer & Sander, 2014](#)). If [Erickson et al. \(2017\)](#) are correct, selection pressure for fast incubation would favour tooth loss and would explain the multiple evolution of beaks in non-avian dinosaurs crownward of *Tyrannosaurus*. The selection pressure for fast incubation also acted in early birds (Figure 2-1) and is consistent with the slow development of the toothed urvogel *Archaeopteryx* ([Xu et al., 2014](#)).

However, independently of dinosaurs and modern birds, edentulism and a horny beak evolved in several other amniote lineages, such as turtles, some marine reptiles and pterosaurs. Turtles retain a long incubation period, approximately 42-112 days ([Deeming et al., 2006](#)) which seemingly contradicts our hypothesis that edentulism results from selection for a shorter incubation period. This contradiction is also presented by megapode birds that have long incubation times and bury their eggs, yet it is generally agreed that megapode nesting biology is secondarily derived instead of being inherited from non-avian dinosaurs ([Dekker, 2007](#)). Given that the evolution of edentulism is a complex process, these contradictions suggest the influence of other constraints, some of which may be phylogenetic. This is hinted at by the new study of [Baron, Norman & Barrett \(2017\)](#) which challenges dogma and re-divides dinosaurs into Ornithoscelida and Saurischia, doing away with the canonical Saurischia-Ornithischia dichotomy. As newly defined, Saurischia no longer includes theropods, but the Theropoda (excluding Herrerasauridae) and Ornithischia form a clade Ornithoscelida. All Ornithischia have beaks, but always in combination with teeth, as do some theropods. Among dinosaurs, beaks would be thus further restricted to a subclade of Dinosauria, the Ornithoscelida. Alternatively, the ability to evolve a beak may characterize a much more inclusive clade because some derived pterosaurs possessed edentulous beaks and no longer appear randomly distributed among dinosaurs and it was recently suggested that sauropod dinosaurs also had a type of beak ([Wiersma & Sander, 2017](#)).

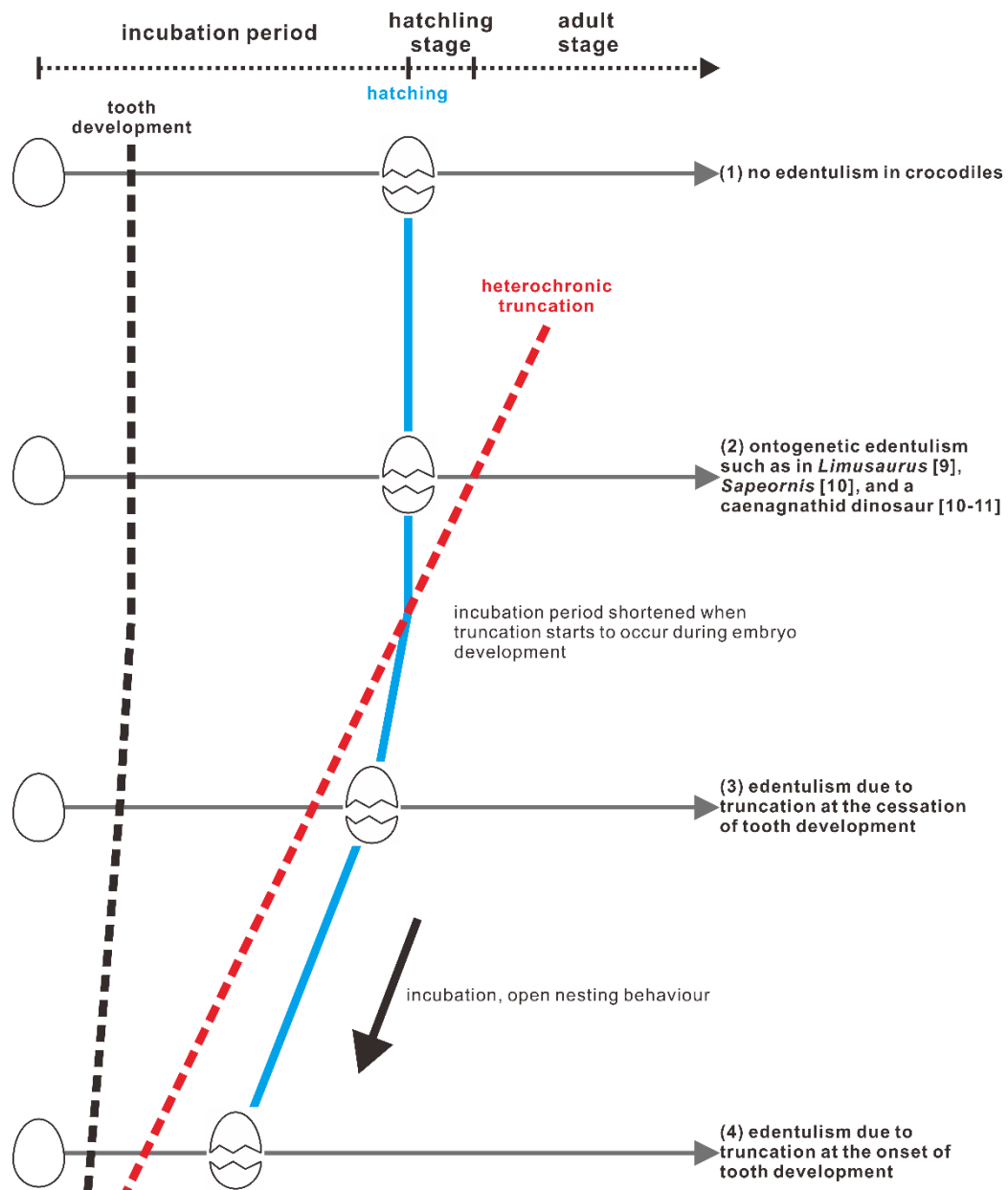


Figure 2-3 Schematic illustration of the hypothetical four stages of the evolution of edentulism. Stage 1, neither edentulism nor heterochronic truncation of tooth formation. Stage 2, ontogenetic edentulism, heterochronic truncation of tooth replacement occurs after the eruption of functional generations of teeth. Stage 3, complete edentulism, heterochronic truncation occurs at the cessation of embryonic tooth formation. Stage 4, complete edentulism, the heterochronic truncation occurs at the onset of embryonic tooth formation, as indicated by the existence of tooth primordia in modern birds ([Chen et al., 2000](#)).

2-5 Potential Tests of Hypotheses of Developmental Economy

Reproductive biological factors, as suggested by our hypothesis, represent an

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improvement in developmental economy for the evolution of edentulism called for in an earlier review ([Louchart & Viriot, 2011](#)). A preliminary report by [Varricchio, Kundrat & Hogan \(2017\)](#) on *Troodon* embryonic teeth inferred an incubation period of 74 days, which is much shorter than the 113.93 days predicted for a reptilian egg of the same mass but significantly longer than the 49.01 days for a bird egg of the same mass ([Deeming et al., 2006](#)). Such an intermediate incubation period, in between the slow reptilian and fast avian modes, was possibly determined by the interplay of tooth formation and an extensive parental care ([Varricchio et al., 1997](#)), which lends support to our hypothesis. It is hence crucial to investigate if edentulous fossil taxa exhibited accelerated incubation and if toothed basal birds had long incubation periods.

Apart from allometric analyses ([Werner & Griebeler, 2013](#); [Ruxton, Birchard & Deeming, 2014](#)), counting growth marks in embryonic teeth is currently the only method for estimating incubation periods in fossil taxa ([Erickson et al., 2017](#); [Varricchio, Kundrat & Hogan, 2017](#)); however, this method obviously cannot be applied to those edentulous fossil taxa. Experimental evo-devo research, such as inhibiting specific genes responsible for tooth formation, may inform on the influence of toothlessness on incubation periods ([Chen et al., 2000](#); [Harris et al., 2006](#); [Bhullar et al., 2015](#); [Bhullar et al., 2016](#)).

In addition to ecological factors, our hypothesis explains the observation of multiple appearances of edentulism and highlights a new selective advantage of edentulism, i.e., improving developmental economy and accelerating incubation periods. Developmental and reproductive biology thus play an important role in influencing many features such as the beak and feathers that were previously explained by feeding preferences and flight, respectively.

Chapter 3 Fossil Eggshell Cuticle Elucidates

Dinosaur Nesting Ecology

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ABSTRACT

The cuticle layer consisting mainly of lipids and hydroxyapatite (HAp) atop the mineralized avian eggshell is a protective structure that prevents the egg from dehydration and microbial invasions. Previous ornithological studies have revealed that the cuticle layer is also involved in modulating the reflectance of eggshells in addition to pigments (protoporphyrin and biliverdin). Thus, the cuticle layer represents a crucial trait that delivers ecological signals. While present in most modern birds, direct evidence for cuticle preservation in stem birds and non-avian dinosaurs is yet missing. Here we present the first direct and chemical evidence for the preservation of the cuticle layer on dinosaur eggshells. We analyze several theropod eggshells from various localities, including oviraptorid *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshells from the Late Cretaceous deposits of Henan, Jiangxi, and Guangdong in China and alvarezsaurid *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell from the Two Medicine Formation of Montana, United States, with the scanning electron microscope (SEM), electron probe micro-analysis (EPMA), and Raman spectroscopy (RS). The elemental analysis with EPMA shows high concentration of phosphorus at the boundary between the eggshell and sediment, representing the hydroxyapatitic cuticle layer (HAp). Depletion of phosphorus in sediment excludes the allochthonous origin of the phosphorus in these eggshells. The chemometric analysis of Raman spectra collected from fossil and extant eggs provides further supportive evidence for the cuticle preservation in oviraptorid and probable alvarezsaurid eggshells. In accordance

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with our previous discovery of pigments preserved in Cretaceous oviraptorid dinosaur eggshells, we validate the cuticle preservation on dinosaur eggshells through deep time and offer a yet unexplored resource for chemical studies targeting the evolution of dinosaur nesting ecology. Our study also suggests that the cuticle structure can be traced far back to maniraptoran dinosaurs and enhance their reproductive success in a warm and mesic habitat such as Montana and southern China during the Late Cretaceous.

3-1 Introduction

3-1-1 Cuticle Structures and Functions

An avian egg is an evolutionary invention that protects the developing embryo against mechanical damage, dehydration and microbial invasion ([Romanoff & Romanoff, 1949](#); [Board & Fuller, 1974](#)). This multi-functionality is contributed to by both mineralized and non-mineralized, organic layers, which exhibit unique biomaterial properties. The avian eggshell forms inside the uterus. The final layer to be deposited, the eggshell cuticle, represents the interface between the embryo inside and its outside environment. Many bird eggs are equipped with a cuticle layer; however, this structure is absent in some clades such as parrots, petrels, and pigeons ([D'Alba et al., 2016](#)). The cuticle layer is often described as “waxy” due to its high amount of lipids, which keep the internal fluids from evaporating and therefore protect the encased embryo from desiccation. In addition to lipids, the avian cuticle contains proteins, polysaccharides, calcium carbonate (vaterite), calcium phosphates (hydroxyapatite, HAp), and pigments ([Wedral, Vadehra & Baker, 1974](#); [Nys et al., 1991](#); [Packard & DeMarco, 1991](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Mikhailov & Ornithologists' Club, 1997](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#); [Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#); [Ijic et al., 2015](#)).

The cuticle layer varies in thickness (up to 12 μ m) and has a patchy distribution on the eggshell ([Board & Halls, 1973](#)). Basically, the cuticle is divided into two distinct layers, including an amorphous HAp/vaterite inner layer and a proteinaceous outer layer ([Simons, 1971](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#)). The inner cuticle layer is composed of needle-like HAp/vaterite crystals on some avian eggs but present in the form of nanospherical HAp/vaterite on other avian eggs ([Dennis et al., 1996](#); [D'Alba et al., 2014](#)). A recent study suggested that the circular mineral nanospheres on eggshells serve an antimicrobial function for species nesting in humid environment ([D'Alba et al., 2016](#)). [D'Alba et al. \(2016\)](#) also proposed that eggs in humid environments tend to have more cuticular nanospheres to prevent flooding and microbial invasions. Conversely, in arid environments, lacking a cuticle layer would be beneficial for embryos in eggs with low conductance, as [Deeming \(1987\)](#) suggested. However, in an extreme environment such as the Antarctic, Adélie penguin eggs yield a thick cuticle layer to reduce water loss

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([Thompson & Goldie, 1990](#)). Besides, the intactness of the cuticle is an indicator for the freshness of an egg ([Rodríguez-Navarro et al., 2013](#)). Several studies suggested that the cuticle functions as a lubricant that facilitates egg rotation in the uterus ([Rahman et al., 2009](#)). Moreover, a recent study shows that the cuticle also modulates ultraviolet reflectance of avian eggshells ([Fecheyr-Lippens et al., 2015](#)). For instance, an extremely smooth cuticle produces glossiness and iridescence in tinamou eggs ([Işic et al., 2015](#)).

The cuticle is commonly observed on most calcified eggshells, but it shows different structures and characteristics between reptilian and avian eggshells ([Ferguson, 1982](#)). The cuticle on reptilian eggshells is no longer present after two weeks of laying ([Ferguson, 1982](#)); hence, the author concluded that the reptilian cuticle is not equivalent to the cuticle present on avian eggshells. [Ferguson \(1982\)](#) hypothesized that a true cuticle layer is not present on alligator eggshell. Conversely, avian eggshells exhibit an inner cuticle layer composed of HAp/vaterite granules or amorphous needle-like HAp/vaterite crystals, which are absent on reptilian eggshells. Several studies on extant eggshell have identified cuticle presence by means of the scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) ([Fink et al., 1993](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#)). [Kusuda et al. \(2011\)](#) used energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDX) to map the phosphorus (P) and calcium (Ca) distribution in several extant avian eggshells and discovered that P is confined to the cuticle layer. Although the P concentration in the cuticle varies greatly between different bird species, P is a distinct marker for identifying the cuticle layer in case of P depletion in sediment. Although it is still not clear how P functions during the eggshell formation, a study suggested that the inclusion of P in the biomineral terminates eggshell growth since it competes with calcium during the eggshell crystallization ([Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#)).

3-1-2 Discoveries of Fossilized Organic Membranes

Since the cuticle is composed of proteins, polysaccharides, lipids, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphates, and pigments, it is seemingly unlikely to preserve during the fossilization process. A previous report concerning spherical (*Oolithus spheroides*) and elongated (*Oolithus elongatus*) eggs from Laiyang, Shandong, China, suggested that the cuticle is preserved in elongated eggs but not in spherical ones ([Chow, 1954](#)). Another similar report on ornithoid eggshells from Naran-Bulak, Mongolia also described

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possible cuticle preservations ([Sochava, 1971](#)), but no diagnostic chemical data were obtained. [Kohring & Hirsch \(1996\)](#) studied the crocodylian and ornithoid eggshells from the middle Eocene of the Geiseltal, Germany, and suggested possible cuticle and shell membrane preservation. Later, with the SEM, several studies on dinosaur eggshells, Cretaceous bird eggshells, and fossil moa eggshells showed the potential of cuticle preservation ([Mikhailov, 1991](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2004](#); [Jackson & Varricchio, 2010](#); [Oskam et al., 2010](#)). Although these studies provided a new avenue to understanding soft-part preservation, all previous studies described possible cuticle preservation only based on micro-structural comparisons with the cuticle of extant avian eggshells. [Jackson & Varricchio \(2010\)](#) described a new ootaxon – *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* – of probable alvarezsaurid affinities. These authors reported a cracked and amorphous surface overlying the external layer and suggested it might be a layer of cuticle. Nevertheless, they did not further investigate the possible cuticle layer by means of any other analyses. Therefore, all previous reports regarding the cuticle preservation were constrained to micro-morphological observations. The only chemical evidence supporting the fossilization potential of cuticle through deep time is offered by a study on oviraptorid eggshells focusing on the two main eggshell pigments, biliverdin and protoporphyrin ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). The protoporphyrin is deposited predominantly in the cuticle layer ([Schwartz et al., 1975](#); [Nys et al., 1991](#); [Mikšík et al., 2007](#); [Nys & Guyot, 2011](#)), thus providing indirect evidence of cuticle preservation in the preservation of endogenous protoporphyrin ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). Although [Wilson et al. \(2017\)](#) demonstrated that there is no codependence of the deposition of pigment and cuticle, the preserved pigments in the oviraptorid eggshell could derive from the eggshell or the preserved cuticle layer and in the latter instance would be indicative of cuticle preservation. We hence posited that the cuticle was completely, or partially, preserved on the oviraptorid eggshells. In addition to the cuticle layer, the *membrana testacea* (eggshell membranes), a proteinaceous meshwork that underlies the mineralized eggshell and separates egg yolk and eggshell, is also a crucial membrane. Unlike the cuticle layer, the preservation of *membrana testacea* has been reported from titanosaurid and *Lufengosaurus* eggs ([Grellet-Tinner, 2005](#); [Reisz et al., 2013](#)), yet never in theropod eggs.

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3-1-3 Nesting Ecology of Dinosaurs and Modern Birds

Dinosaur nesting ecology is a long-standing and intriguing research topic. Among all dinosaurs, the nesting type of titanosaur, troodontid, and oviraptorid dinosaurs were comparatively well documented ([Jackson, 2007](#); [Varricchio et al., 2013](#); [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). These dinosaurs adopted different nesting strategies in their clutch arrangement, nest architecture, and nesting mode. [Deeming \(2006\)](#) and [Tanaka, Zelenitsky & Therrien \(2015\)](#) roughly categorized two nesting modes in dinosaurs, including open and buried nesting modes. Most birds build open nests, while the buried nesting mode is only observed in megapode birds. In a wet incubation environment such as a buried megapode nest, eggs are exposed to a higher risk of asphyxiation and microbial infection ([Board & Fuller, 1974](#); [Board, 1982](#); [D'Alba et al., 2017](#)). [D'Alba et al. \(2016\)](#) provided the first report regarding the association between the cuticular nanospheres and nesting modes. These authors discovered that the birds nesting in more mesic environments tend to lay eggs yielding cuticular nanospheres. The nanospheres in the cuticle layer, therefore, represents a structural adaptation that prevents eggs from microbial invasions ([D'Alba et al., 2016](#)). However, eggs of Adélie penguins are also encapsulated by a thick cuticle layer that prevents eggs from water loss in the severe cold Antarctic environment ([Thompson & Goldie, 1990](#)). These lines of evidence suggest that the cuticle layer is an evolutionary labile structure and thus varies greatly in accordance with the nesting environment. [D'Alba et al. \(2016\)](#) further suggested that cuticular nanospheres are an ancestral trait; however, this trait has been lost multiple times and is absent in some avian clades.

In dinosaurs, it was suggested that titanosaurs also employed the buried nesting mode ([Sander et al., 1998](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#); [Grellet-Tinner & Fiorelli, 2010](#); [Vila et al., 2010](#); [Hechenleitner, Grellet-Tinner & Fiorelli, 2015](#)). The low porosity of titanosaur eggs from Auca Mahuevo, however, suggested that the titanosaurs from Auca Mahuevo did not bury their eggs ([Jackson, 2007](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#)). The Auca Mahuevo exception demonstrates that the eggshell is a labile structure, which alters according to the environment. In comparison with the well-documented titanosaur nesting ecology, the nesting ecology of theropods has remained uncertain until recent times. A nesting *Nemegtomaia* discovered in Mongolia indicated a semi-open nesting mode based on sedimentological evidence ([Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#)). The discovery of

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pigmentation in oviraptorid eggshells strongly suggested that the oviraptorid eggs were laid in an at least partially open nest ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). [Yang et al. \(2015\)](#) further supported the semi-open nesting mode according to the heterogeneous distribution of porosity in an oviraptorid egg and taphonomic evidence (also see [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). While there is no evidence of pigmentation in troodontid eggshells because these have not been analyzed chemically so far, the heterogeneous distribution of porosity suggested that the troodontid dinosaurs might also have laid their eggs in a semi-open nest ([Varricchio et al., 1997](#); [Varricchio et al., 2013](#)).

The goal of this study is to present further evidence of cuticle preservation on dinosaur eggshells by means of SEM imaging, elemental analysis, and RS. In particular, we analyzed theropod eggshells from the Nanxiong Group in China and the Two Medicine Formation in Montana, USA. Both the Nanxiong Group and Two Medicine Formation represent fluvial deposits, indicating a humid climate in both areas during the Late Cretaceous. In addition, nesting on the ground or in mounds in a wet environment increases the risk of microbial invasions ([D'Alba et al., 2016](#)), a cuticle layer should thus be prevalent on eggshells of ground nesting theropods in a humid climate.

3-2 Material and Methods

3-2-1 Material

In order to standardize our following analyses, domestic chicken eggshell (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) was obtained from a commercial source (supermarket). Two extant crocodylian eggshells (*Crocodylus porosus* and *Tomistoma schlegelii*) were sampled from the collection of the NMNS as negative controls (Table 3-1). The fossil materials include oviraptorid and probable alvarezsaurid dinosaur eggshells (Table 3-1).

We studied three oviraptorid eggshell specimens that were collected from the Late Cretaceous Nanxiong Group of three localities in China (Henan Province, Jiangxi Province, and Guangdong Province) and are housed at the NMNS and STIPB. Based on eggshell microstructure, all specimens were assignable to *Macroolithus yaotunensis*, which was laid by the oviraptorid *Heyuannia huangi* ([Cheng et al., 2008](#)). *Macroolithus yaotunensis* is characterized by an undulating boundary between two crystalline layers, i.e., the outer prismatic layer and the inner mammillary layer ([Zhao, 1975](#)). The first *Macroolithus*

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yaotunensis eggshell was taken from specimen NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05-I, which was collected from the Late Cretaceous Tangbian Formation of the Hongcheng Basin in Jiangxi Province, China (Table 3-1). The Tangbian Formation is characterized by fine-grained brownish-reddish sediments with dispersed coarse clasts and conglomerates, representing a fluvial/alluvial environment with occasional stream flooding during the Campanian stage ([Chen et al., 2017](#)). The second *Macroolithus yaotunensis* sample was collected as isolated shell fragments from the Late Cretaceous Hugang Formation in the Liguangqiao Basin near Nanyang, southwestern Henan Province, China (Table 3-1). This sample has been housed in STIPB since 1985 and was described in [Erben \(1995\)](#). The Hugang Formation is composed of dark grayish red breccia with interbeds of calcareous sandstone, indicating a fluvial/alluvial environment ([Zhang, 2009](#)). The third *Macroolithus yaotunensis* sample was also obtained as isolated shell fragments from the Late Cretaceous fluvial deposits of the Pingling Section of the Shanghu Formation in the Nanxiong Basin, located in the northwestern part of Guangdong Province, China (Table 3-1). The NE-SW striking Nanxiong Basin, which is filled with dark purplish silty mudstone with interbeds of conglomerate, has produced numerous theropod egg clutches and eggshell fragments ([Erben, 1995](#)).

The *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshells (MOR ES101), probably attributable to alvarezsaurids ([Agnolin et al., 2012](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)), were collected as isolated shell fragments in the lower portion of the Two Medicine Formation in the Sevenmile Hill outcrops, Teton County, Montana, USA (Table 3-1). The *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell has three crystalline layers, including an external layer, prismatic layer, and mammillary layer, from outermost to innermost ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). The Two Medicine Formation is mostly composed of sandstone, deposited by rivers and deltas on the western shoreline of the Late Cretaceous Interior Seaway.

Table 3-1 Eggshells analyzed in this study.

Oospecies or species	Stratigraphy	Locality	Catalog number	Reference
<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i>	Tangbian Formation	Hongcheng Basin, Jiangxi Province, China	NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05-1	Wiemann et al. (2017)
<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i>	Hugang Formation	Liquanqiao Basin, Henan Province, China	STIPB-E131	Wiemann et al. (2017)
<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i>	Pingling Formation	Nanxiong Basin, Guangdong Province, China	STIPB-E66	Wiemann et al. (2017)
<i>Triprismatoolithus stephensi</i>	Lower portion of the Upper Cretaceous (Campanian) Two Medicine Formation	Dave and Joel Site, Sevenmile Hill outcrops, Teton County, Montana	MOR ES101	Jackson & Varricchio (2010)
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	-	Bonn, Germany	-	-
<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	-	Taichung, Taiwan	uncatalogued	-
<i>Tomistoma schlegelii</i>	-	Taichung, Taiwan	uncatalogued	-

3-2-2 Chemical Analyses

For the chemical analyses, we first used a VEGA TS5130 LM (Tescan) SEM at the STIPB to locate and image plausible cuticle preservation on the studied eggshells. The eggshells were naturally broken fragments and coated with gold for SEM observation. The operating conditions for the SEM were set as 20 kV accelerating voltage.

All samples were cleaned with ethanol before chemical analyses. We then performed elemental analyses using the EPMA equipped with a WDS at the Section of Mineralogy of the STIPB to elucidate the P distribution in the radial section of dinosaur eggshells. All samples were polished, fixed on a glass slide with araldite histological resin, and then coated with carbon for the elemental analysis with EPMA. The elemental analyses were performed with a JEOL SUPERPROBE 8900 EPMA at the same lab. The operating conditions for the EPMA were set as 1 µm beam diameter, 15 kV accelerating voltage, and 15 nA specimen current. The ZAF correction scheme was used. Natural and

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synthetic minerals were used as standards.

We performed two rounds of RS using two Raman spectrometers at the MPIE, Dusseldorf, Germany. For the first round, Raman Analysis I (referred to as RI hereafter), we analyzed the domestic chicken eggshell from a commercial source with a WITec Alpha300 system with 532 nm wavelength laser light and a confocal 50x objective, each for 20 seconds. Since the cuticle on the chicken eggshell was easily identified with the naked eye, as well as under the SEM (Figure 3-1C-D), the first round confirmed the detectability by Raman spectroscopy of the HAp of the cuticle layer (Figure 3-1E-F). Due to the incomplete preservation the cuticle on the chicken eggshell, we performed Raman surface mapping on the area where we found possible cuticle remains using the SEM and EPMA previously.

Raman analysis II (referred to as RII hereinafter) was performed using the Horiba Jobin Yvon GmbH LabRam Raman spectrometer equipped with a 632 nm laser. All results were obtained using the 10x objective of the integrated Olympus microscope. While the 10x objective is not strongly sensitive to rare compounds, it provides a larger field of view for faster qualitative detection of HAp on eggshell sample than in RI. In order to distinguish HAp and calcite from sediments, we collected Raman spectra of the fresh chicken eggshell, the studied fossil eggshells and their associated sediments (Figure 3-2A). All Raman spectra of eggshells and their associated sediments during RII were imported into the statistics software R and normalized with the R package “ChemoSpec” ([Hanson, 2017](#)). We performed principle component analysis (PCA) on the spectral area of 500 to 1500 cm^{-1} using the same package (Figure 3-2B).

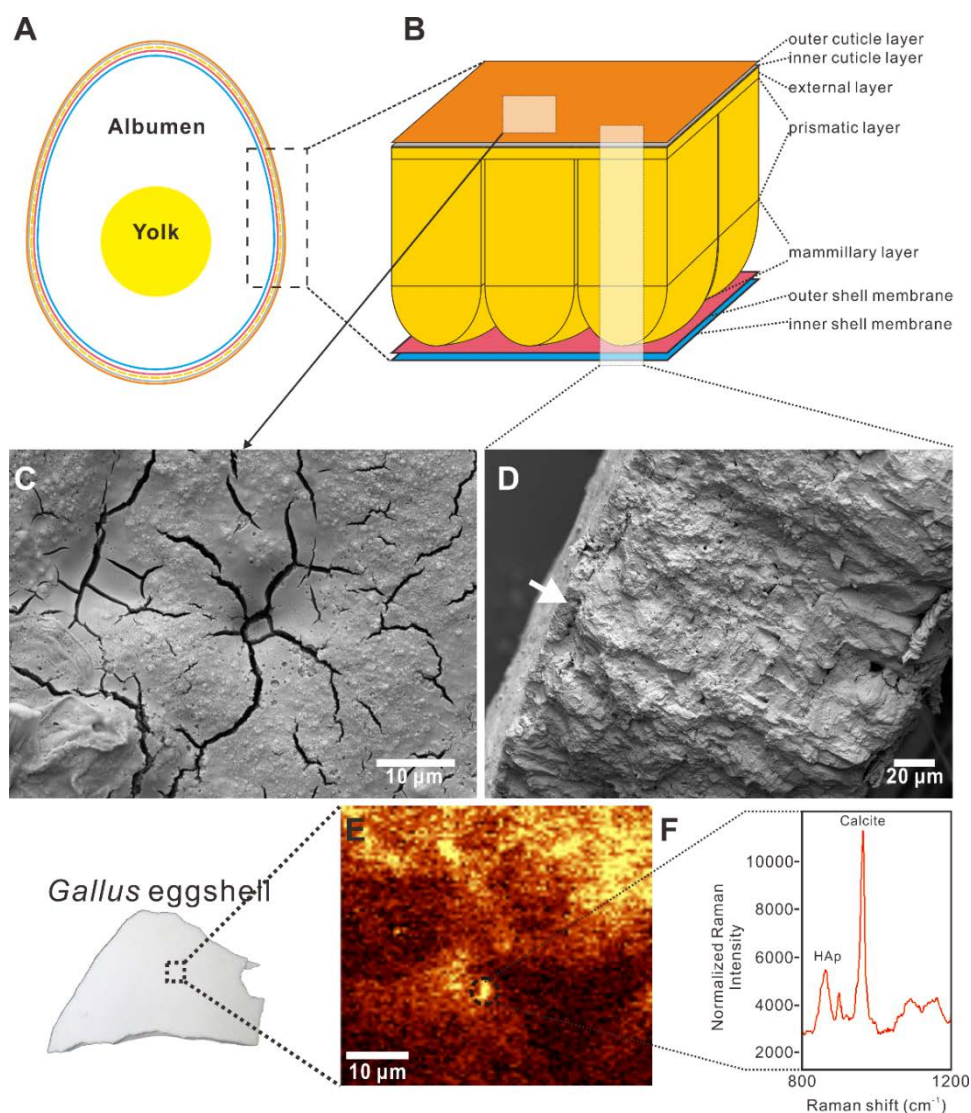


Figure 3-1 Cross-sectional view, SEM images, and Raman imaging and spectrum of a *Gallus gallus domesticus* egg and eggshell. The Raman image and spectrum were collected using 532 nm excitation wavelength and a 50x objective with RI. (A) The generalized anatomy of an egg. (B) The chicken eggshell comprises three crystalline layers, including the mammillary layer, prismatic layer, and external layer. The cuticle layer overlying the calcareous eggshell is further divided to two layers, including a HAp inner layer and a proteinaceous outer layer. The shell membrane, namely *membrane testacea*, is also characterized by two layers. (C) SEM image of the cuticle on the surface of the *Gallus* eggshell, showing a patchy and cracking pattern. (D) SEM image of the radial section of the *Gallus* eggshell. The white arrow indicates the cuticle layer that lies on the calcitic eggshell. (E) Raman chemical image with peak targeting at 967 cm^{-1} which is attributed to HAp. The yellow area represents the patchy distribution of the inner HAp cuticle layer on the *Gallus* eggshell. The calcitic eggshell that is not covered by the inner HAp cuticle layer is shown in the brown area. The dotted circle corresponds to the spectrum shown in (F). (F) Spectrum collected in the dotted-circle area of the Raman chemical image shown in (E). Two significant peaks at 967 cm^{-1} and 1087 cm^{-1} represent HAp and calcite, respectively.

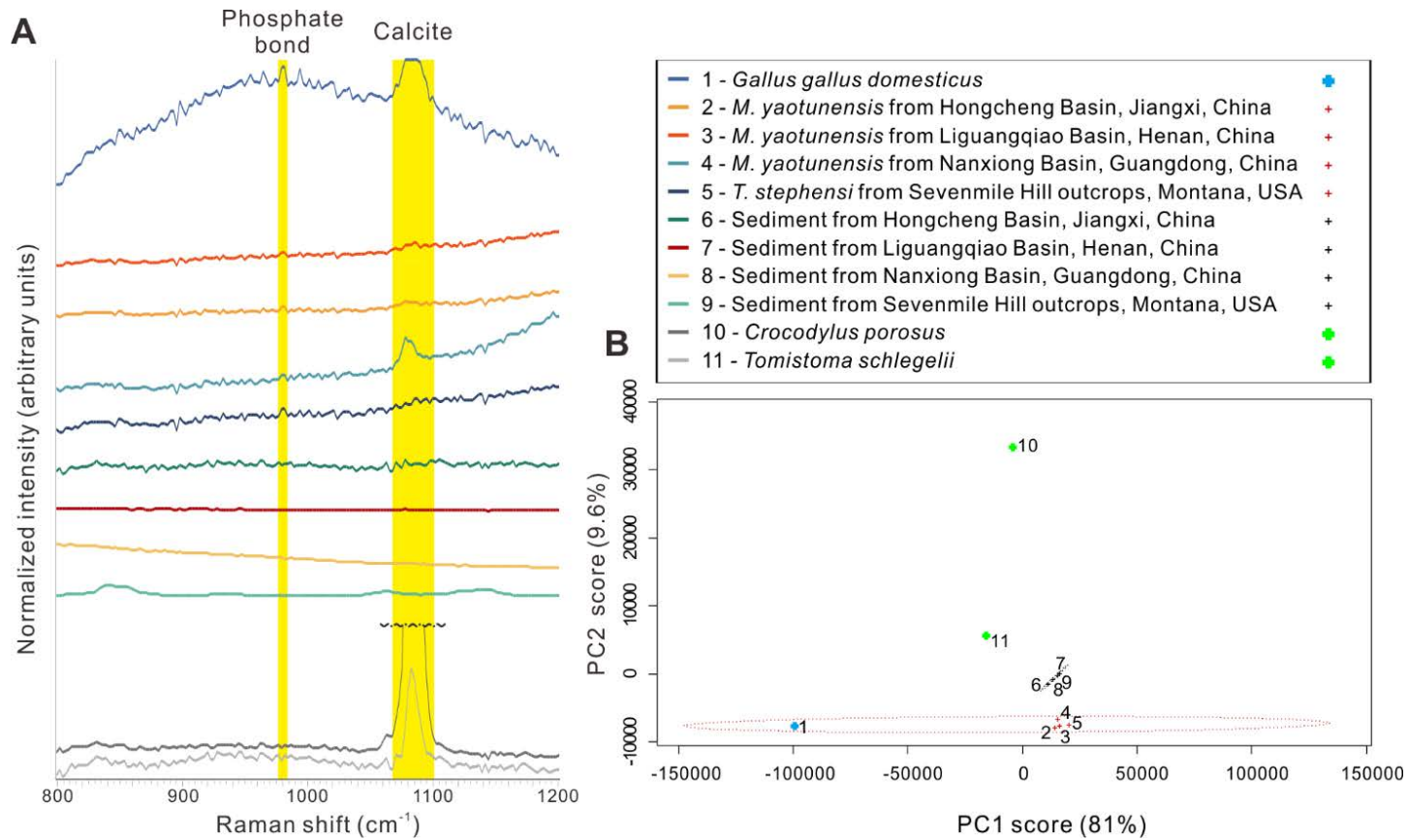


Figure 3-2 Raman spectra and chemometric analysis. (A) Raman spectra derived from chicken, crocodylian, fossil dinosaur eggshells, and surrounding sediments. The peaks around 972-986 cm^{-1} and 1063-1097 cm^{-1} are marked by yellow bars, indicating the calcite and phosphate bonds. (B) The principle component chemometric analysis on the spectral area of 800-1200 cm^{-1} shown in (A) demonstrates significant disparities between dinosaur/chicken eggshells, crocodylian eggshells, and sediments.

3-3 Results

The cuticle layer on the *Gallus* eggshell was easily observed with the naked eye. The Raman spectrum from the *Gallus* eggshell shows a significant peak at 1087 cm⁻¹ that arises from the calcite, which is the major component of eggshell (Figure 3-1F). Another intense peak at 967 cm⁻¹ was assigned to the $\nu_3\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ symmetric stretching vibrations (Walters et al., 1990; Gergely et al., 2010; Frost et al., 2014; Igic et al., 2015). Targeting the 967 cm⁻¹ peak, the Raman surface scan shows the patchy distribution of the HAp layer overlying the calcitic eggshell (Figure 3-1E). The result demonstrates detectability of the inner HAp layer of the cuticle by RS.

On the outside of *Macroolithus yaotunensis* and *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell fragments, we also found peaks in these spectral regions (Figure 3-2A & Appendix I (electric version only)). RII showed two intense broad peaks that are located between 1063-1097 cm⁻¹ and 972-986 cm⁻¹ in the spectra. The spectral range of 1063-1097 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to the C-O bond of calcite, which is observable in the spectra from all eggshells. The 972-986 cm⁻¹ spectral ranges arose possibly from the phosphate (PO_4^{3-}) or hydrogen phosphate (HPO_4^{2-}) (Sauer et al., 1994; Crane et al., 2006; Igic et al., 2015). Importantly, the 972-986 cm⁻¹ spectral ranges are present in the spectra from the chicken and dinosaur eggshells but absent in the ones from the crocodylian eggshells and surrounding sediments. The chemometric analysis using ChemoSpec suggests that both chicken and dinosaur eggshells show similar spectral pattern between 800 cm⁻¹ and 1200 cm⁻¹ (Figure 3-2B & Appendix I (electric version only)). In addition, the spectra from the crocodylian eggshells and surrounding sediments occupy different chemospaces from the ones of dinosaur and chicken eggshells (Figure 3-2B & Appendix I (electric version only)).

Under the polarizing microscope, the *Macroolithus* eggshell from the Hongcheng Basin of Jiangxi, China, displayed distinct two crystalline layers overlain by an enigmatic layer and surrounding sediment (Figure 3-3A). These features are also present in the other two *Macroolithus* eggshells. The uneven thickness of the prismatic layer in the Jiangxi *Macroolithus* eggshells was a result of unpolished natural fracture surface of the section (Figure 3-3B). A possible patchy and flake-like cuticle layer was observed on the outer surface of the *Macroolithus* and *Triprismatoolithus* eggshells (Figure 3-3C & Figure 3-4B). Furthermore, an enigmatic protruding fiber-like structure was recognized in the

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Triprismatoolithus eggshell (Figure 3-4C-D). The diameter of the fiber-like structure is approximately 3 μm .

We performed ten elemental line-mappings on each eggshell with EPMA and targeted phosphorus of the HAp. Of the total 30 line mappings on the three *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshell, only two of them, which were from the Jiangxi and Guangdong specimens, show a significant phosphorus peak on the boundary between the eggshell and surrounding sediment (Figs. 3D & 3F). The elemental analysis also indicates the scarcity of the phosphorus in the surrounding sediment. In addition, the P concentration increases from the mammillary layer to the prismatic layer in all analyzed oviraptorid eggshells (Figure 3-3D-F & Appendix II (electric version only)).

In the EPMA line-scan on the *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell, three significant peaks for P were observed (Figure 3-4E). The peak on the boundary between the eggshell and surrounding sediment indicates possible cuticle preservation (Figure 3-4E). However, the other two peaks were seen in the sediment and on the boundary between the external layer and prismatic layer. The variation of P concentration between different eggshell layers was also observed in *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell (Figure 3-4E & Appendix II (electric version only)). Although the P concentration within the mammillary and prismatic layers shows little variation, the external layer has a significantly lower concentration of P than the mammillary and prismatic layers (Figure 3-4E & Appendix II (electric version only)).

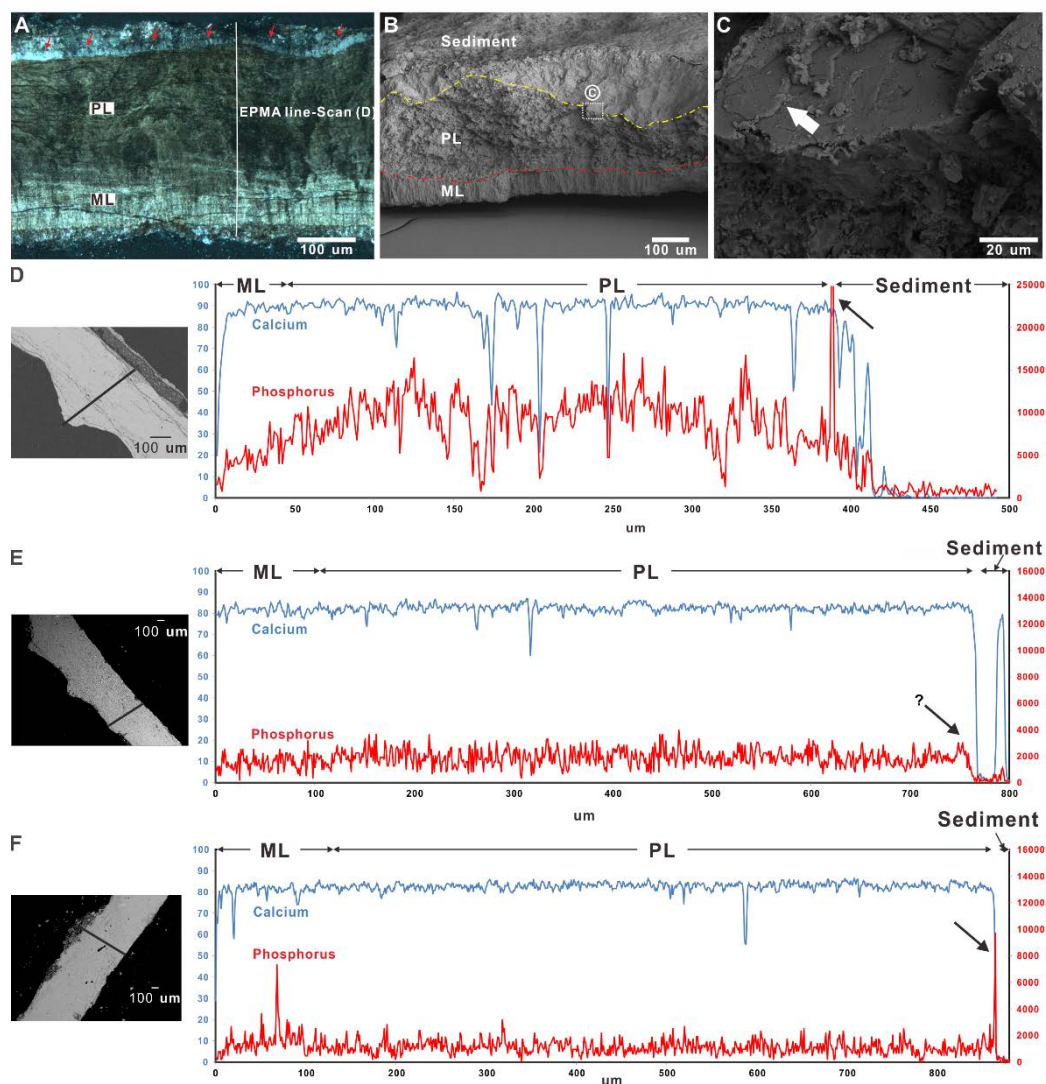


Figure 3-3 Microscopic images of *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshell from Henan, Jiangxi, and Guangdong and their line-scan spectra. (A) The *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshell (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05-I) from Jiangxi under the polarized light microscope. The red arrows indicate the indistinct boundary between the sediment and an enigmatic layer. This enigmatic layer probably was formed by the interaction between organics of the egg and surrounding sediment. The location of the EPMA line-scan spectra in (D) is indicated by the white solid line. In this eggshell image, a smooth boundary between the prismatic and mammillary layers (PL and ML, seen as dark and light zones) is clearly observed. (B) SEM image of radial untreated fracture of the *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshell. The boundary between the sediment and prismatic layer is marked by yellow dashed line based on their distinct structural features. The boundary between ML and PL is marked by the red dashed line. The ML shows the distinct vertical mammillae structure. (C) Close-up image of the area in white box in (B). Possible preservation of cuticle is indicated by the white arrow, showing patchy and flaky structures similar to the cuticle on the modern chicken eggshell (Figs. 1C & 1D). (D)-(F) The microscopic image to the left of the spectra shows the radial cut section of studied *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshells seen in the SEM coupled

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with the EPMA and elemental line-scan track marked as black lines. (D) The spectra illustrate the distribution of Ca and P across the eggshell from the Hongcheng Basin in Jiangxi shown in (A), from innermost (left) to outermost, as indicated by the white line in the microscopic image. The Ca spectrum clearly marks the extent of the calcitic eggshell. A significant peak that is marked by a black arrow demonstrates a relatively high concentration of P, indicating the possible preservation of the cuticular HAp layer. (E) The spectra illustrate the distribution of Ca and P across the eggshell from the Liguangqiao Basin in Henan, from innermost (left) to outermost. The Ca spectrum clearly marks the extent of the calcitic eggshell. A slightly higher amount of P near the interface between the eggshell and sediments, as indicated by a black arrow, is observed. (F) The spectra illustrate the distribution of Ca and P across the eggshell from the Nanxiong Basin in Guangdong, from innermost (left) to outermost. A significant peak that is marked by a black arrow demonstrates a relatively high concentration of P, indicating the possible preservation of the cuticular HAp layer. ML, mammillary layer; PL, prismatic layer.

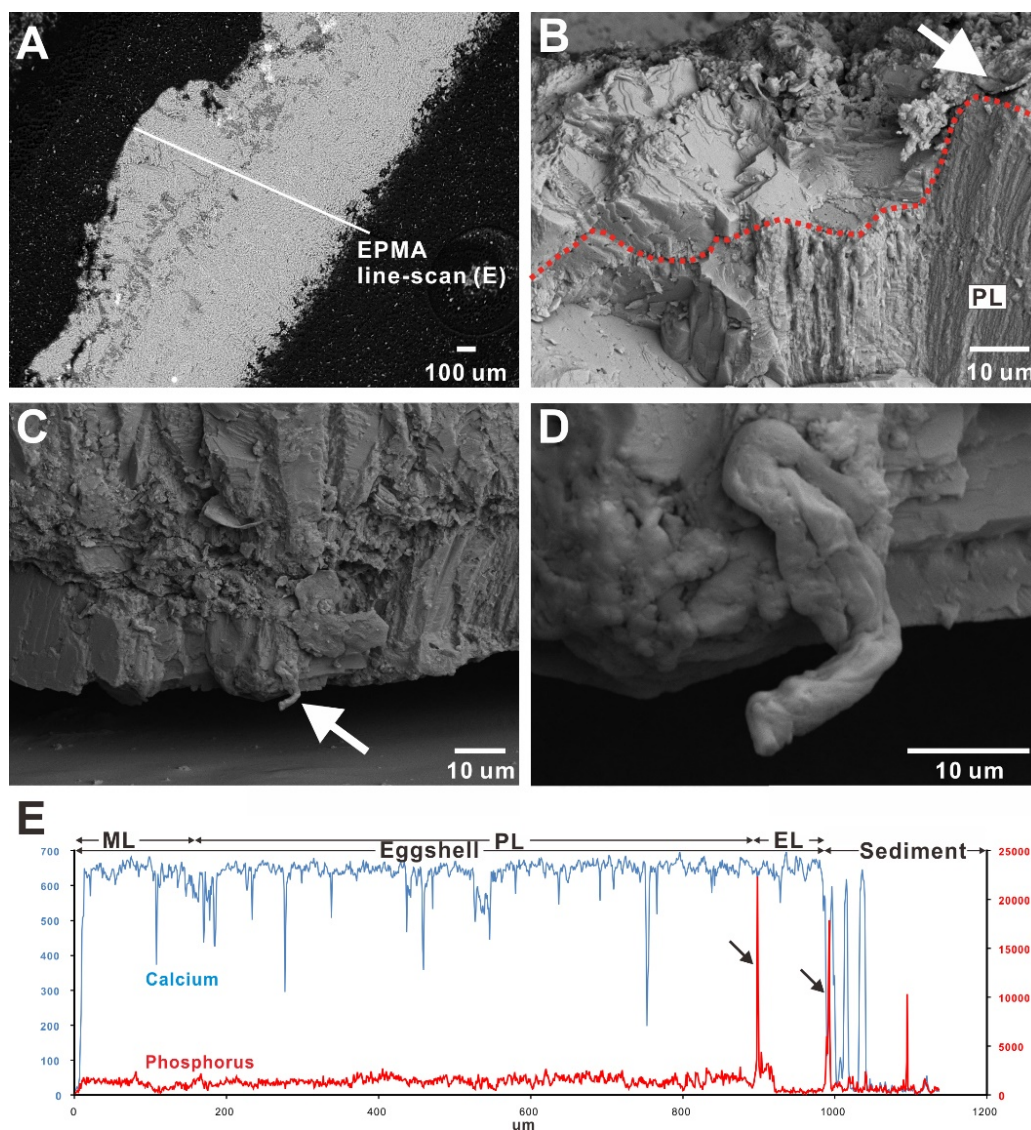


Figure 3-4 SEM images of the *Tripriamtoolithus* eggshell and EPMA line-scan spectra. (A) The radial cut section of studied *Tripriamtoolithus* eggshell in the SEM coupled with the EPMA. (B) The probable flake-like cuticle structure atop the eggshell, marked by the white arrow. The red dotted line marks the outermost boundary of the prismatic layer. (C) An enigmatic structure (white arrow) protruding from the mammillary layer, possibly a fiber of the *membrana testacea* extending into the mammillary layer. (D) Enlargement of the possible fiber. (E) Line scans across eggshell in (A). The scan shows a high concentration of P at the boundary between the eggshell and surrounding sediment. Two other peaks of P were observed on the boundary between the external and prismatic layer and in the sediment. The P concentration does not differ between the mammillary and prismatic layers; however, the external layer showed a significantly lower concentration of P than the mammillary and prismatic layers. EL, external layer; ML, mammillary layer; PL, prismatic layer.

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3-4 Discussion

3-4-1 Elemental Analysis of Theropod Eggshells

While previous studies have reported possible preservation of cuticle and *membrana testacea* ([Chow, 1954](#); [Kohring & Hirsch, 1996](#); [Grellet-Tinner, 2005](#); [Jackson & Varricchio, 2010](#); [Reisz et al., 2013](#); [Yang et al., 2015](#)), none of these studies employed chemical analyses to test this hypothesis. In this study, elemental analysis suggests the preservation of the inner hydroxyapatitic cuticle layer based on the high concentration of P at the boundary between eggshell and sediment. However, the peak that corresponds to a high concentration of P is not always present in each elemental line-scan. For instance, on the *M. yaotunensis* eggshell sample from the Liguangqiao Basin (Figure 3-3E), a probable P-rich zone, instead of an abrupt peak, is shown near the boundary between the eggshell and surrounding sediment. RS analysis indeed revealed the existence of phosphates. Since RS scans a larger area than EPMA does, we suggest that the absence of an abrupt peak for a P-rich zone in those 28 line-scans is a result of incomplete preservation of the cuticle layer or a sampling bias during the EPMA analyses. The elemental analysis also shows that P is rare in the surrounding sediment from both the Nanxiong Group of China and the Two Medicine Formation of Montana, United States. The deficiency of P in the sediment thus argues against an allochthonous origin of the P in the outermost part of the eggshell (Figs. 3D-F & 4E). The chemometric comparison of the spectra derived from sediments also suggests the depletion of phosphate minerals in the sediments. Therefore, the peak in the sediment surrounding the *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell might be derived from the eggshell specimen itself.

The enigmatic fiber-like structure near the base of the mammillary layer in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell (Figure 3-4D) may be a capillary vessel of the chorioallantoic membrane or a fiber of the *membrana testacea*. The elemental analyses cannot provide evidence for the preservation of the capillary vessels of the chorioallantoic membrane. SEM images show that the vessels in the chorioallantoic membrane of modern chicken eggshells range in size from 3 to 10 μm ([Maibier et al., 2016](#)), similar to the fiber-like structure we observed in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell (Figure 3-4D). However, the fiber-like structure in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell does not appear to be hollow, unlike

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a blood vessel ([Schweitzer et al., 2005a](#)). It is therefore possible that the enigmatic fiber-like structure in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell represents a part of fossilized *membrana testacea*, which has never been described in theropod dinosaurs. The *membrana testacea* fibers in a chicken egg occasionally penetrate through the mammillary base ([Ahmed, Suso & Hincke, 2017](#)) and are of the same size of around 3 μm as the fiber-like structure we observed in the *Triprismatoolithus* egg (Figure 3-4D). However, the hypothesis of fossilized *membrana testacea* requires more supporting evidence.

3-4-2 Variation of P Concentration in Eggshells

Despite numerous studies on element distribution in modern avian and reptilian eggshells, dinosaur eggshells were rarely investigated from a chemical perspective. Several studies posited that P is a critical element that regulates eggshell growth ([Fink et al., 1993](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#); [Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#)). In *Gallus gallus domesticus* eggshells, a pattern of increasing P concentration from the mammillary layer to the prismatic layer has been reported ([Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#)). This pattern is similar to what we observed in oviraptorid eggshells (Figure 3-3D-F). The deficiency of P in the surrounding sediments demonstrates that the distribution pattern of P in the studied eggshells is endogenous. Since ornithological research had suggested that P is an inhibitor of calcite growth during eggshell formation ([Fink et al., 1993](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#); [Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#)), the similarity of P distribution between oviraptorid dinosaur and modern avian eggshells suggests that the oviraptorid dinosaurs studied by us already possessed a similar eggshell formation mechanism to that of extant birds.

Moreover, [Cusack, Fraser & Stachel \(2003\)](#) also observed that the P concentration increases more sharply between the mammillary and prismatic layers in the eggshell of younger birds than in those of older birds. Therefore, the difference in P distribution between young and older birds can probably help paleontologists decipher whether an oviraptorid clutch was laid by a single female or by several females. If the whole clutch was produced by a single female or by several females of a similar age, all eggs should exhibit a similar pattern of P concentration increase from the mammillary layer to the prismatic layer. Conversely, different patterns of increase would suggest that females of different ages contributed to a single clutch. [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) compared the ratio

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of clutch mass to adult mass and proposed that an oviraptorid clutch was produced by several females. [Yang et al. \(2016\)](#) have provided preliminary supportive results based on statistical analyses of eggshell P distribution and external morphology in the same oviraptorid clutch.

On the other hand, in the *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell, P concentration varies slightly between the mammillary and prismatic layer but decreases significantly from the prismatic layer to the external layer (Figure 3-4E). Such a pattern of P distribution differs from the one in oviraptorid or modern bird eggshells we discussed previously. Moreover, unlike a single peak of high P concentration in oviraptorid and modern eggshells, three distinctive peaks of high P concentration are present in the *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell. Based on the general deficiency of P in the surrounding sediment, we posit that the P peak in the sediment surrounding the *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggshell is a result of a detached cuticle layer. The peak at the boundary between the external layer and surrounding sediment represent the putative cuticle layer (Figure 3-4E). However, the peak at the boundary between the prismatic and external layers was not reported previously in any avian eggshells (Figure 3-4E). If the sequestration of P is a crucial factor in the termination of calcite growth, the high concentration of P on the boundary between the prismatic and external layers represents a possible temporal hiatus between the prismatic and external layers in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell.

3-4-3 Interpretation of Raman Spectra

In the Raman study of the fossil eggshells, the peak at 967 cm^{-1} of *Gallus* eggshell was not seen in all spectra, but a broad peak ranging from $972\text{-}986\text{ cm}^{-1}$ was detected instead (Figure 2A). The broad peak ranging from $972\text{-}986\text{ cm}^{-1}$ represent the phosphate groups, as indicated in ([Ilgic et al., 2015](#)). Three hypotheses can be formulated to explain the different spectral patterns from 960 cm^{-1} to 980 cm^{-1} in extant cuticle vs. the fossil eggshells.

First, theropod dinosaurs might have used whitlockite, a phosphate mineral containing hydrogen phosphate anions (HPO_4^{2-}), to form the inner cuticle layer instead of HAp. Whitlockite is the second most abundant mineral in biological calcified tissues, accounting for around 20% of bone mineral ([Driessens & Verbeeck, 1990](#); [Jang et al., 2014](#); [Jang et al., 2015](#)). It is also possible that the HAp of the inner cuticle layer is in

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non-stoichiometric form, and hence part of the phosphate anions is occupied by hydrogen phosphate (HPO_4^{2-}) ([Rey et al., 2011](#); [de la Pierre et al., 2014](#)).

Second, the original HAp of the inner cuticle layer could have been transformed to whitlockite. [Jang et al. \(2014\)](#) showed that HAp transforms into dicalcium phosphate dihydrate (DCPD, $\text{CaHPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) at 70 °C. The DCPD is then converted into whitlockite ($\text{Ca}_9(\text{MgFe})(\text{PO}_4)_6\text{PO}_3\text{OH}$) by incorporating Mg^{2+} or Fe^{2+} when the pH decreases. In natural environments, such as the Nanxiong Formation and Two Medicine Formation, burial and diagenetic temperatures over 70 °C are unlikely except by an intrusion of igneous origin. However, geological investigations did not provide any evidence for such igneous intrusions in the Nanxiong Basin ([Erben, 1995](#)). At the Sevenmile Hill outcrops in Montana, United States, [Foreman et al. \(2008\)](#) reported an altered volcanic ash layer (bentonite) that is depleted in P. However, the volcanic ash layer was deposited prior to the eggshells ([Jackson & Varricchio, 2010](#)).

Third, the P we detected might be derived from the surrounding sediments during diagenesis. This is inconsistent with the preservation of pigments in the Nanxiong Basin eggshells and absence of igneous intrusions in both localities which suggests that the eggshells we studied experienced very little diagenesis ([Erben, 1995](#); [Foreman et al., 2008](#); [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)).

3-4-4 Pigmentation on Theropod Eggshells

As noted above, the discovery of protoporphyrin in oviraptorid dinosaur eggshells from all three localities where the eggshells for this study were collected (Table 1; [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)) is consistent with the cuticle preservation. Although [Wilson et al. \(2017\)](#) indicated that pigment deposition and cuticle formation are not codependent, the preserved protoporphyrin was probably from the cuticle layer. [Thomas et al. \(2015\)](#) performed Raman spectroscopy and mass spectrometry to show the detectability of pigments in extant avian eggshells. Our Raman analyses also demonstrate detectability of pigments in fossil eggshells; however, the peaks in the spectra do not completely correspond with the ones shown in [Thomas et al. \(2015\)](#), suggesting further Raman studies using mass spectrometry on dinosaur eggshells.

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3-4-5 Nesting Ecology of Oviraptorid Dinosaurs

As noted, two nesting modes are recognized in birds, open and buried nesting ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). Most birds build open nests either on the tree or on the ground (ostriches or emus), while the megapode birds bury their eggs in a mound. Therefore, all open nesting birds have eggshells of low porosity ([Tanaka, Zelenitsky & Therrien, 2015](#)). However, an intermediate mode, semi-open nests in oviraptorid dinosaurs, was recently proposed based on detection of pigments and porosity evaluation ([Yang et al., 2015](#); [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). Pigmented eggshells strongly suggest an open nesting mode. However, the porosity evaluation revealed a heterogeneous distribution of porosity—highest porosity in the lower middle part (buried) and lowest porosity in the blunt end (open) ([Yang et al., 2015](#); [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)), thus indicating a semi-open nesting mode. This intermediate mode is consistent with the fluvial environment inferred by sedimentological investigations in the Nanxiong Basin ([Erben, 1995](#)). In such a humid fluvial environment, the risk of microbial invasions was much higher. The cuticular nanospheres, which are associated with humid environments and protect extant eggs from microbial invasions, were very likely present in the oviraptorid and alvarezsaurid dinosaur eggs from these fossil humid environments as well. Although we did not detect cuticular nanospheres in the dinosaur eggshell, our detection of a cuticle layer suggests it to have been an adaptation for the oviraptorid and alvarezsaurid dinosaurs nesting in a humid fluvial environment ([D’Alba et al., 2016](#)).

On the other hand, it was inferred that Mongolian oviraptorid clutches were deposited in a xeric environment. The evidence is the eolian nature (sand dune deposits) in the Baruungoyot and the Djadokhta formations ([Norell et al., 1995](#)). Although no Mongolian oviraptorid eggshells were included in our study, it appears likely that Mongolian oviraptorid eggs were also cuticle-coated for the prevention of water loss as in Adélie penguin eggs ([Thompson & Goldie, 1990](#)). [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) documented clutches of the oviraptorid *Nemegtomaia* from both the Nemegt and Baruungoyot formations that represent mesic and xeric habitats, respectively. Moreover, they also provided evidence for the lateral coexistence of mesic and xeric habitats in the Baruungoyot Formation and posited that *Nemegtomaia* and other Mongolian oviraptorid dinosaurs, nested near permanent or seasonal streams. In such a variable environment, the cuticle-coated eggs, therefore, would have been an adaptive trait that

enhanced reproductive success of oviraptorid dinosaurs.

While it is uncertain that the alvarezsaurid eggshells were pigmented without further chemical studies, it is possible that alvarezsaurid dinosaur exploited similar nesting strategies as oviraptorid dinosaurs did.

3-4-6 Taphonomic Implications for Cuticle Preservation

The cuticle layer is a labile, easily lost structure that appears unlikely to be preserved during the fossilization process. Our study thus raises an important taphonomic question, i.e., how did the cuticle layer get preserved? Since the cuticle preservation observed by us appears to pertain to eggshell from clutches and not from dispersed eggshell, cuticle preservation probably is facilitated by fossilization of eggs in clutches. Furthermore, a layer of secondary diagenetic calcite is commonly observed on eggshells from fluvial deposits (Figure 3-3A; [Jackson & Varricchio, 2010](#)). This layer of secondary calcite may have been a rigid shield that protected the cuticle layer from mechanical removal.

Therefore, we hypothesize that the *in situ* preservation and the coverage of secondary calcite possibly protect the cuticle layer from being washed away or removed. More detailed microscopic observation of the association between the cuticle, secondary calcite layers, and surrounding sediment will possibly elucidate the taphonomic processes.

3-5 Conclusion

Our study suggests preservation of the inner cuticle layer in *Macroolithus yaotunensis* and *Triprismatoolithus stephensi* eggs based on elemental analysis and RS. The cuticle layer and semi-open nesting mode in humid environments may be key adaptations to protect the eggs from microbial invasions in a humid environment such as a fluvial plain, as does the cuticle layer of extant birds nesting in humid environments. In combination with the previous discovery of pigments in oviraptorid dinosaur eggshells, this study provides further evidence for preservation of fossilized soft tissues in the fluvial deposits, especially in the Cretaceous red bed basins of China. Further chemical studies on dinosaur eggshells will shed additional light on the reproductive biology of dinosaurs, as well as on taphonomic questions.

Chapter 4 Dinosaur Origin of Egg Color: Oviraptors Laid Blue-Green Eggs

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ABSTRACT

Protoporphyrin (PP) and biliverdin (BV) give rise to the enormous diversity in avian egg coloration. Egg color serves several ecological purposes, including post-mating signaling and camouflage. Egg camouflage represents a major character of open-nesting birds which accomplish protection of their unhatched offspring against visually oriented predators by cryptic egg coloration. Cryptic coloration evolved to match the predominant shades of color found in the nesting environment. Such a selection pressure for the evolution of colored or cryptic eggs should be present in all open nesting birds and relatives. Many birds are open-nesting, but protect their eggs by continuous brooding, and thus exhibit no or minimal eggshell pigmentation. Their closest extant relatives, crocodiles, protect their eggs by burial and have unpigmented eggs. This phylogenetic pattern led to the assumption that colored eggs evolved within crown birds. The mosaic evolution of supposedly avian traits in non-avian theropod dinosaurs, however, such as the supposed evolution of partially open nesting behavior in oviraptorids, argues against this long-established theory. Using a double-checking liquid chromatography ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometry routine, we traced the origin of colored eggs to their non-avian dinosaur ancestors by providing the first record of the avian eggshell pigments protoporphyrin and biliverdin in the eggshells of Late Cretaceous oviraptorid dinosaurs. The eggshell parataxon *Macroolithus yaotunensis* can be assigned to the oviraptor *Heyuannia huangi* based on exceptionally

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preserved, late developmental stage embryo remains. The analyzed eggshells are from three Late Cretaceous fluvial deposits ranging from eastern to southernmost China. Reevaluation of these taphonomic settings, and a consideration of patterns in the porosity of completely preserved eggs support an at least partially open nesting behavior for oviraptorosaurs. Such a nest arrangement corresponds with our reconstruction of blue-green eggs for oviraptors. According to the sexual signaling hypothesis, the reconstructed blue-green eggs support the origin of previously hypothesized avian paternal care in oviraptorid dinosaurs. Preserved dinosaur egg color not only pushes the current limits of the vertebrate molecular and associated soft tissue fossil record, but also provides a perspective on the potential application of this unexplored paleontological resource.

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4-1 Introduction

Birds offer the most diverse displays of color and shape among modern vertebrates ([Stoddard & Prum, 2011](#)). In contrast to their closest modern relatives, the crocodiles, avian eggs range widely in size and shape, and the avian key innovation seems to be variation in color ([Cassey et al., 2012](#)). Nature's repertoire ranges from immaculate (homogeneously colored) reddish brown and white eggs in chicken (*Gallus domesticus*), to light beige with dark brown maculation (speckling) in the oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*), to light blue in the American robin (*Turdus migratorius*), to the intensive bluish-green of emu eggs (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) at the end of the spectrum ([Cassey et al., 2012](#)).

All other amniotes, including non-avian reptiles and monotreme mammals, lack eggshell color ([Packard & Seymour, 1997](#)). Non-avian amniotes can protect their eggs by burying them ([Leighton, Horrocks & Kramer, 2009](#)), or by continuously guarding the nest ([Komdeur & Kats, 1999](#)). Colored eggs are present in most modern birds which build open nests, as the eggs are vulnerable due to periods without parental guarding ([Komdeur & Kats, 1999](#); [Gillis et al., 2012](#)). Birds with biparental brooding behavior minimize the periods during which a clutch is unattended and vulnerable, and sometimes reduce egg coloration ([Komdeur & Kats, 1999](#)). Complete reduction of eggshell coloration is observed in many cavity nesting and cave-breeding birds ([Hewitson, 1846](#)) confirming the visual signaling component of egg color function ([Castilla et al., 2007](#)). Visual signaling resulting in camouflage of an egg clutch is largely dependent on eggshell coloration relative to the color shade of the nesting background ([Wallace, 2007](#); [Stoddard et al., 2016](#)). Such negative signaling also offers protection against brood parasitism because of, e.g., elaborate egg color innovations that allow recognition of parasite eggs among the clutch ([Newton & Gadow, 1896](#)). In addition to signaling, numerous other functions of egg color pigments have been proposed, such as antimicrobial effects (Ishikawa et al. 2010), protection from solar radiation ([Lahti, 2008](#)), and eggshell mechanical reinforcement ([Gosler, Higham & Reynolds, 2005](#)). In a phylogenetic analysis of egg shell coloration and color patterning, [Kilner \(2006\)](#) concluded that the ancestral egg color of avian of extant birds was white, and that egg coloration evolved multiple times within crown birds 46(see [Kilner, 2006](#)).

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This phylogenetic inference ignores the fact that many birds with white eggs, including ostrich (*Struthio*), rhea (*Rhea*) and elephant bird (*Aepyornis*) contain minor amounts of eggshell pigment, and that their reduced pigment most likely represents an evolutionary reaction to the brooding-based reduced selection pressure on coloring their eggs ([Kennedy & Vevers, 1976](#)).

We hypothesize egg coloration evolved after the switch from burying eggs to building an open and exposed nest (consistent with [Gillis et al., 2012](#)). Selection for egg color would only have occurred after the eggs themselves became visible to parents, conspecifics, predators, or parasites ([Kilner, 2006](#)).

While most dinosaurs buried their eggs (reviewed by [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)), there is ample evidence that bird-like, non-avian eumaniraptoran dinosaurs, i.e., Oviraptorosauria, Dromaeosauridae, and Troodontidae, built open ground nests with at least partially exposed eggs ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). Partial exposure accounts for the arrangement of their strongly elongated eggs stacked and partially buried almost vertically in the nest material in circular layers either with (seemingly primitive) or without (derived) an empty space in the center of the nest ([Norell et al., 1995](#)). Late Cretaceous oviraptorosaurian eggs from China and Mongolia ([Norell et al., 1995](#); reviewed in [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)) are frequently preserved, and because they are laid in exposed, partially open nests ([Norell et al., 1995](#)), they may have been pigmented like many bird eggs. Only two chemical compounds act as avian eggshell pigments and give rise to virtually all observed bird egg colors and patterns—the tetrapyrrols protoporphyrin (PP) and biliverdin (BV) ([Kennedy & Vevers, 1976](#)). Both are participants in the vertebrate heme cycle: protoporphyrin is a reddish-brown heme precursor, while biliverdin is a blue–greenish heme catabolite ([Ryter & Tyrrell, 2000](#)). In contrast to the linear BV, the cyclic PP exhibits a stronger resonance stabilization ([Falk, 1964](#)). Due to their different metabolic functions, PP and BV have distinctively different chemical properties: while PP is lipophilic and rather unreactive, BV is much more reactive due to its hydrophilic, oxidated, linear arrangement ([Gorchein, Lim & Cassey, 2009](#)). BV is distributed throughout the entire thickness of the prismatic layer in eggshells, most probably linked to matrix proteins, while PP is currently thought to be present in high concentrations only in the outermost eggshell cuticle layer ([Wang et al., 2009](#)). Related avian pigments are incorporated into integumentary structures, such as,

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for example, the PP relative uroporphyrin III which occurs as red turacine pigment in the feathers of herbivorous, musophagid birds ([Rimington, 1939](#)). Structurally, the two avian eggshell pigments show a similarity to the most common vertebrate pigments eu- and pheomelanin, in being N-heterocycles ([Watt, Bothma & Meredith, 2009](#)) although their origins are very different in vertebrate secondary metabolism ([Kubo & Furusawa, 1991](#)).

In terms of pigment taphonomy, the oldest confirmed record of eggshell PP and BV traces is in subfossil moa eggs from New Zealand ([Ilgic et al., 2010](#)) which demonstrates their preservation potential on a time scale of 103 years, but also the loss of the more labile BV through time due to degradation processes, dissolution and transport via percolating aqueous fluids. Other related biomolecules with a reported fossil record are hemes ([Greenwalt et al., 2013](#)), and chlorophylls ([Leavitt, 1993](#)). Both have been identified with minimal or no diagenetic alteration from Mesozoic and Cenozoic fossil deposits, supporting the possibility of eggshell pigment preservation in fluvial or alluvial oxidative deposits such as those from eastern and southern China. We identified unmodified, preserved PP and BV eggshell pigments in all three oviraptorid samples and proved that these eggshells were the sole source of pigments by demonstrating the absence of BV and PP in the investigated sample of adjacent sediment. We also provide support for the preservation of dinosaur eggshell cuticle (previously suggested by [Mikhailov, Bray & Hirsch, 1996](#); [Schweitzer et al., 2002](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2004](#)) based on cuticular PP storage. These observations phylogenetically extend the presence of an avian-like eggshell pigmentation back to oviraptorids. Using the known concentrations of our commercial pigment standards and PP and BV concentrations in emu eggshell as a sensitivity control and quality marker for our analytic system, we reconstructed a visually evident blue–green egg color for *Heyuannia* incorporating experimental and taphonomic corrections. Our eggshell zonal porosity reevaluation reconstructed an at least partially open nest for the oviraptorid *Heyuannia huangi* (based on [Deeming, 2006](#); [Varricchio et al., 2013](#); see section 4-2-6).

4-2 Material and Methods

4-2-1 Extant Eggshell Material

The emu eggshells (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) were produced by captive birds and are stored in the ZFMK collections (ZFMK uncat.). Emu eggshell is reported to contain minimal amounts of PP in addition to some of the highest naturally occurring amounts of BV ([Gorchein, Lim & Cassey, 2009](#)).

4-2-2 Fossil Eggshell Material

Elongatoolithidae ([Zhao, 1975](#))

Macroolithus ([Zhao, 1975](#))

Macroolithus yaotunensis ([Zhao, 1975](#))

(Laid by the oviraptorid *Heyuannia huangi*)

We sampled three oviraptorid *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggs from the collections of the NMNS and STIPB covering three geographically and taphonomically distinct Chinese deposits. Investigated specimens were collected in the Liguanqiao Basin near Nanyang in the province of Henan (STIPB E54/1), from the Hongcheng Basin in the province of Jiangxi (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05/1), and the Nanxiong Basin in province of Guangdong (STIPB E54/3). Detailed descriptions of the localities in context of geological and taphonomic settings are introduced below. Macroscopically, all oviraptorid eggshell samples had a blackish to blackish-brownish (after cleaning them from adherent sediment) color, revealing a very subtle shimmer of blue–green at angled light conditions.

Historically, samples derived from the Liguanqiao Basin are Late Cretaceous in age and derived from the fluvial/alluvial deposits (red sandstones) of the Hugang Formation. They have been housed in STIPB since 1983 and were previously described by [Erben \(1995\)](#). Preserved oviraptorid eggs from the Hongcheng Basin in the province of Jiangxi were obtained from the Late Cretaceous Tangbian Formation which comprises fluvial red sandstones. The Hongcheng Basin and the Nanxiong Basin may belong to the same extended basin complex ([Liu, 1999](#)). The Late Cretaceous strata of the Nanxiong Basin are divided into the Yuanpu Formation and the overlying Pingling Formation. The Yuanpu

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Formation, which might be correlated with the fossil-rich Mongolian Djadochta Formation, yielded our eggshell samples from alluvial sediments (red silt-sandstones), and is dated as Maastrichtian in age ([Zhao, 1991](#)).

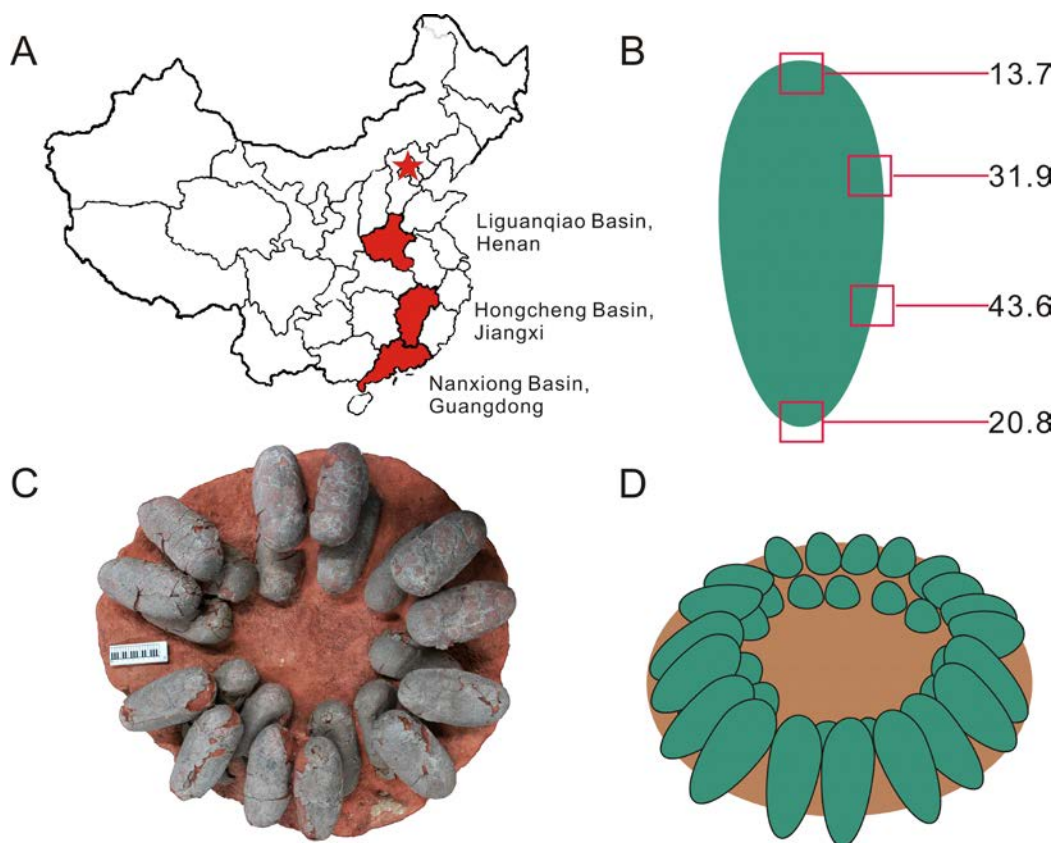


Figure 4-1 Provenance of *Heyuannia* eggshell, reconstructed zonal egg water vapor conductance, oviraptor clutch structure, and corrected, reconstructed egg color. (A) Geographical map of China. The capital city, Beijing, is indicated by the red star. Red shaded provinces indicate the three different localities where the specimens were collected: the Liguanqiao Basin in Henan, the Hongcheng Basin in Jiangxi, and the Nanxiong Basin in Guangdong. (B) The reconstructed color and average zonal water vapor conductance of the left Jiangxi *Heyuannia huangi* egg (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05/1) calculated from BV and PP concentrations and porosity measurements (see Section 4-2-6). (C) Top view of an oviraptor clutch (PFMM 0010403018). This clutch illustrates how eggs are arranged in pairs with their blunt ends pointing to the clutch center. The eggs are arranged in layers separated by sediment. (D) Reconstruction of a partially open oviraptorid nest. Note that the original inclination of the eggs would have been steeper than their preserved attitude (C) due to sediment compaction.

One of two preserved complete eggs (Figure 4-1A) from the Chinese province of Jiangxi (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05) which were previously assigned to the oviraptorid

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egg parataxon *Macroolithus yaotunensis* was sampled over four zones of the egg (Figure 4-1B and Figure 4-2B), prepared for histology, and then used for porosity measurements (see section 4-2-6). These four zones represent the blunt, middle, and acute parts of the egg, and were separated to approach zonal differences in porosity values which were tested for maximum porosity at the mid portions to indicate egg storage in an open nest (based on [Varricchio et al., 2013](#)). Measured porosity values were compared to published dinosaur and avian porosity patterns and used to calculate the eggshell water vapor conductivity. Samples for chemical analyses were taken separately. Sediment adhering to the complete eggs (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05/I) was sampled additionally to confirm that we are not dealing with wholesale sample contamination. A single sediment sample (red silty sandstone) was available to test against wholesale contamination with BV and PP of the sample since only the complete oviraptorid eggs from the province of Jiangxi provided original, attached matrix sediment. The two-remaining fossil oviraptor eggshell samples represent isolated fragments freed of original matrix.

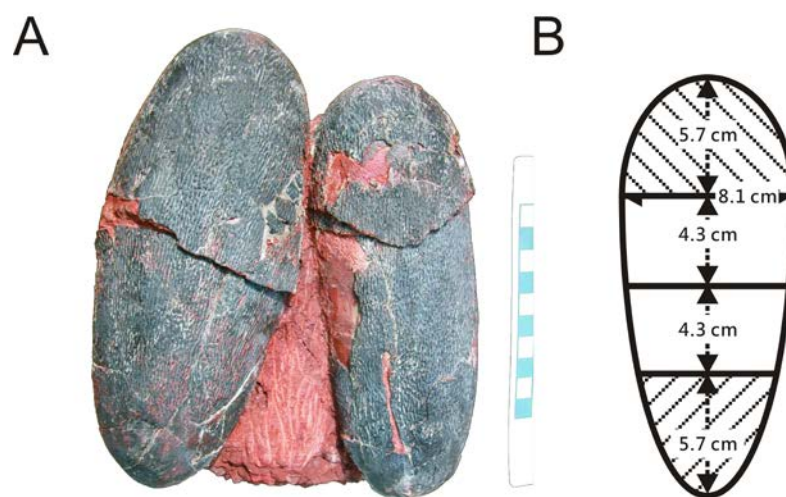


Figure 4-2 (A) Pair of oviraptorid *Heyuannia* eggs (NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05) from the Chinese province of Jiangxi before sampling. Porosity measurements and calculations of water vapor conductance are based on these eggs. Pieces of eggshell from each of the four zones depicted in (B) were used in porosity measurements. (B) Egg model separated into four zones used for zonal porosity measurements. Therefore, double half-prolate spheroids and cone models of the idealized egg were used to estimate the zonal surface areas to eventually approximate water vapor conductance. Zone 1 represents the blunt end of the egg, zones 2 and 3 the mid portions, and zone 4 represents the pointed end of the egg.

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4-2-3 Solvents and Equipment

In our analyses, we used protoporphyrin IX α and biliverdin hydrochloride as commercial standards and purchased these from Sigma Aldrich, UK. Disodium EDTA was obtained from Merck, Germany. Acetic acid (100%, LC-grade) and acetonitrile (LC-MS-grade) were also purchased from Merck, Germany, and from Sigma Aldrich, UK.

For extraction of the eggshell color pigments and filtration of the extract, we used 1.5 mL light-protecting polypropylene Eppendorf Amber microcentrifuge tubes and 0.5 mL standard conical Eppendorf microcentrifuge tubes. For vortex-mixing, we used a vortex mixer K neoLab (7-2020) and for centrifuging an Eppendorf centrifuge. Before injecting the eggshell extracts into the mass spectrometer, we filtered them by using a Chromafil O-45/3 PTFE disposable syringe filter holder (pore diameter: 0.45 μ m, filter diameter: 3 mm) on a 1.00 mL Injekt-F sterile syringe with a Sterican cannula on top.

Mass spectra were recorded on a micrOTOF-Q mass spectrometer (Bruker) with an ESI-source coupled with an HPLC Dionex Ultimate 3000 instrument (Thermo Scientific) using an EC50/2 Nucleodur C18 Gravity 3 μ m column (Macherey-Nagel).

4-2-4 Extraction and pigment detection

The eggshell samples we used for pigment analysis were separately stored in air-tight plastic ziplets, which were protected from light in opaque paper boxes. We used eggshell fragments of at least 0.036 cm² surface area, weighing between 184 mg and 562 mg (Table 4-1). These eggshell fragments were cleaned from attached sediment with deionized, distilled water and then broken into smaller pieces.

The following extraction procedure is based on the method established by [Gorchein, Lim & Cassey \(2009\)](#).

Due to the greater polarity of BV as compared to PP, BV is partially dissolved in the aqueous EDTA solution; this results in a significant loss of BV during the extraction process. To quantify the amount of BV dissolved in the EDTA, the EDTA supernatants were stored for later UV/Vis measurements. The decalcification routine was repeated three times for BV and PP extraction.

Reverse-phase HPLC was run at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min. HPLC was started with 90% H₂O containing 0.1% acetic acid. The gradient started after 1 min and reached 100% acetonitrile after 14 min. For an additional 7 min, the column was flushed with 100%

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acetonitrile (containing 0.1% acetic acid). For the BV analysis, 15 μL sample solution were injected, and 20 μL for the PP detection.

Data were collected in positive full scan MS mode over the range of 50 – 1000 m/z, using a capillary voltage of 4.5 kV and an end plate offset of -500 V. The dry heater of the ESI source was set at 200°C. Nitrogen desolvation and nebulizer gas flow was 10.0 L/min, the nebulizer was run at 2.2 bar. Time-Of-Flight (TOF) detection allowed the determination of the accurate masses of BV and PP.

The observed elution order was as follows: BV (after 8 min; double peak indicates at least two isomers in acetonitrile-acetic acid) and PP (after 14 min; double peak indicates at least two isomers in acetonitrile-acetic acid).

Empirical relationships for estimating preserved BV concentration:

$$c_{\text{BV}}^{\text{tot}} \geq c_{\text{BV}} \times m_{\text{Xlg}} \times f_{\text{ex}} \times f_{\text{c}} \quad (4-1)$$

$c_{\text{BV}}^{\text{tot}}$ = preserved total amount of BV stored into 1 g of eggshell $\left[\frac{\text{nmol}}{1\text{g(eggshell)}} \right]$

c_{BV} = ESI MS concentration approximation $\left[\frac{\text{nmol}}{\text{Xg (mass eggshell fragment)}} \right]$

m_{Xlg} = mass multiplication factor for each eggshell fragment mass to reach 1g

f_{ex} = const. (for our extraction routine) ≈ 3

f_{c} = const. (for empirical correction) ≈ 4

$$\rightarrow 12 \times c_{\text{BV}} \times m_{\text{Xlg}}$$

Empirical relationships for estimating preserved PP concentration:

$$c_{\text{PP}}^{\text{tot}} \geq c_{\text{PP}} \times m_{\text{Xlg}} \times f_{\text{ex}} \times f_{\text{c}} \quad (4-2)$$

$c_{\text{PP}}^{\text{tot}}$ = preserved total amount of PP stored into 1 g of eggshell $\left[\frac{\text{nmol}}{1\text{g(eggshell)}} \right]$

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$$c_{PP} = \text{ESI MS concentration approximation} \left[\frac{\text{nmol}}{Xg(\text{mass of each eggshell fragment})} \right]$$

m_{Xlg} = multiplication factor for each eggshell fragment mass to reach 1g

f_{ex} = const. (for our extraction routine) ≈ 1

f_c = const. (for empirical correction) ≈ 4

$$\rightarrow 4 \times c_{PP} \times m_{Xlg}$$

Table 4-1 Estimation of the preserved pigment amounts in the analyzed eggshell samples.

Eggshell Specimen	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	<i>Heyuannia huangi</i> (Henan)	<i>Heyuannia huangi</i> (Jiangxi)	<i>Heyuannia huangi</i> (Guangdong)
Mass of Fragment [g]	0.187	0.463	0.368	0.289
Amount of PP [nmol]	0.08	0.27	0.14	0.09
Amount of BV [nmol]	4.1	0.23	0.068	0.023
Mass factor (1g) m_{Xlg}	5.348	2.160	2.717	3.460
Extraction Correction Factor $f_{ex}(PP)$	1	1	1	1
Extraction Correction Factor $f_{ex}(BV)$	3	3	3	3
Empirical Correction Factor f_c	4	4	4	4
Min. PP concentration [nmol/g eggshell]	ca. 2	ca. 2	ca. 2	ca. 1
Min. BV concentration [nmol/g eggshell]	ca. 266	ca. 6	ca. 2	ca. 1
Ratio (BV/PP)	133	3	1	1

4-2-5 Chemical Analysis

We used two commercial standards (biliverdin dihydrochloride and protoporphyrin IX, purchased from Sigma Aldrich), one extant bird eggshell sample (emu), the three fossil *Heyuannia huangi* eggshell samples, and one sediment sample (reddish sandstone) for High Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled to Electrospray Ionization Quadrupole Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry (HPLC ESI Q-ToF MS). The basis for this sample selection was (1) to demonstrate reproducibility in three fossil eggshell samples, (2) to exclude the possibility of wholesale contamination due to sample or system exogenous PP or BV input by analyzing sediment adhering to a sample of eggshell, (3) to provide a sensitivity control and quality marker of the analytical routine based on precise detection and quantification of emu eggshell (ranging from the upper (BV) to the lower (PP) detection limit in terms of pigment concentrations), and (4) to generate a calibrated concentration signal for quantification based on the known concentrations of the commercial standards. Adhering sediment and other superficial contaminations were chemically removed from all eggshell samples by a boosted decalcification of the

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outermost sample surfaces. 500 μ L of disodium EDTA solution (100 mg/mL), adjusted to a pH of 7.2, were added to the 180–562 mg eggshell samples and sediment control sample, each of which was stored in 1 mL Eppendorf tube. Samples were incubated for 5 min and then transferred to fresh Eppendorf tubes. The decalcification residue was discarded. Pigment decalcification was performed immediately after preliminary cleaning of the samples. The three oviraptorid eggshell samples, the emu eggshell, and the sediment control sample were incubated again in the EDTA solution which was already used for initial cleaning, this time for 5 min. During this 5 min, the sample tubes were vortexed three times for 1 min. Vortexing was performed with uncapped tubes to allow outgassing of the carbon dioxide generated. After 5 min of incubation in the EDTA decalcification solution, all sample tubes were centrifuged at 15,000 g for 1 min. After centrifuging, the supernatant solutions were collected in separate tubes, while the decalcified sample precipitates were filled up with fresh EDTA solution from the stock. Incubation of 5 min followed, including vortexing 3 \times in uncapped tubes, as in the previous step. The samples were centrifuged again at 15,000 g for 1 min, supernatants were collected, and the precipitates filled up with fresh EDTA solution. As in the previous step, incubation of 5 min including vortexing of the uncapped sample tubes followed. After a final round of centrifuging for 1 min, supernatant solutions were collected, and the partially decalcified precipitates were used for the final pigment extraction. 1 mL of acetonitrile/acetic acid (4:1, v/v) was added to the decalcified sample pellets for 10 min of incubation, including 2 min of vortex-mixing. Afterwards the sample tubes were centrifuged at 15,000 g for 2 min, and the supernatant solution holding the pigment extract were transferred into fresh Eppendorf tubes, and stored in a dark environment at 4°C. The commercial standards were dissolved in the same acetonitrile-acetic acid solution (4:1, v/v) and stored with the sample pigment extracts. The filtered extracts and commercial standard solutions were stored less than 24 h before they were injected into an HPLC Dionex Ultimate 3000 (Thermo Scientific) separating sample compounds by using an EC50/2 Nucleodur C18 Gravity 3 μ m column (MachereyNagel). Reverse-phase HPLC was run at a flow rate of 0.3 mL/min. HPLC was started at 90% H₂O containing 0.1% acetic acid. The gradient started after 1 min and reached 100% acetonitrile after 14 min. For an additional 7 min, the column was flushed with 100% acetonitrile (containing 0.1% acetic acid). For the biliverdin analysis, 15 μ L sample

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solution was injected, and 20 μL for the protoporphyrin detection. 2 min of washing runs between each sample extract cleaned the entire system. The liquid chromatography system was coupled to a micrOTOF-Q mass spectrometer (Bruker) with an electrospray ionization (ESI) source inducing positive ionization. Data were collected in positive full scan MS mode over the range of 50–1,000 m/z , using a capillary voltage of 4.5 kV and an end plate offset of -500 V . The dry heater of the ESI source was set at 200°C . Nitrogen desolvent and nebulizer gas flow was 10.0 L/min; the nebulizer was run at 2.2 bar. Time-of-Flight (TOF) detection allowed the determination of the accurate masses of biliverdin and protoporphyrin.

4-2-6 Porosity Measurement and Water Vapor Conductance Estimations

We measured eggshell porosity in four eggshell tangential sections of *Heyuannia* egg CYN-2004-DINO-05/I (Figure 4-1A, right egg) under the polarized light microscope using a modification of the zonal division approach (zones 1 to 4, Z_1 to Z_4 in the equation) and asymmetrical egg model applied to troodontid eggs ([Varricchio et al., 2013](#)). To take the asymmetrical shape of the oviraptorid egg with its pointed and blunt ends into account, we modelled the shape of the egg as two half prolate ellipsoids and two cones (Figure 4-1B). The blunt end (Z_1) and the acute end (Z_4) were modeled as half prolate ellipsoids with a radius of 4.05 cm and 2.65 cm, respectively, and long axes of equal length (5.7 cm). The rest of the egg between the poles was further divided into two zones (Z_2 and Z_3) which were modelled as two cones (cone height = 4.3 cm and cone radius 4.05 cm and 2.65 cm, respectively). The geometric equations used for calculating egg volume and surface area are given in Table 4-1, as are the regression equations for modern bird eggs that we used for calculating volume, surface area and water vapor conductance of egg CYN-2004-DINO-05/I. The geometric parameters of the model are provided in Table 4-3.

The areas of all individual pores in each tangential section were summed and compared with the total surface area of each zone to calculate the percentage of pore area. This percentage was assumed to apply uniformly to the entire zone and used to calculate the total pore area per zone. Next, the equation (Eq. 4-3) proposed by [Jackson et al. \(2008\)](#) was used to calculate water vapor conductance of the *Heyuannia* egg by zone and overall conductance.

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$$G_{H_2O} = \left(\frac{c}{RT}\right) \times D_{H_2O} \times (A_p/L_s) \quad (4-3)$$

A_p and L_s are the total pore area and the average pore length, respectively. R represents the universal gas constant which is $6.236 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ Torr mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$. T is the temperature in K. c is a conversion factor changing both seconds to days and moles to milligrams of water. c is $1.5552 \times 10^9 \text{ sec mg H}_2\text{O day}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The binary diffusion coefficient of water vapor in air changes with temperature and is $0.292 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 30°C . Pore canal length was assumed to be equal to eggshell thickness which is constant for each zone but varies between zones. Accordingly, pore canal length differs in different zones.

The total volume of egg CYN-2004-DINO-05/1 is 260.3 cm^3 . The egg's weight was estimated as 276 g by applying an average avian egg density of 1.06 g/cm^3 (Deeming, 2006). The G_{H_2O} of an avian egg of equivalent weight is $99.3 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O day}^{-1} \text{ Torr}^{-1}$ according to the regression equation proposed by Jackson et al. (2008). This value is slightly lower than our result ($108.66 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O day}^{-1} \text{ Torr}^{-1}$) (the sum of the values for the four zones in Table 4-3). We compared our results with those published by Mou (1992), which is $231 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O day}^{-1} \text{ Torr}^{-1}$ and thus significantly higher than our results. Mou (1992)'s results were also cited by Deeming (2006). The higher values of Mou (1992) result from his assumption that porosity is homogeneously distributed over the entire egg; however, this assumption proved incorrect for elongated eggs (Varricchio et al., 2013). In the Mou's study, several pieces from the middle part of egg were taken for porosity estimation without considering the heterogeneous porosity distribution. Our results (Table 4-3) show that the highest porosity is found in the middle zones, especially in zone 3, which is mainly covered by linearituberculate ornamentation. Hence, the results of Mou (1992) overestimate water vapor conductance mainly because he extrapolated the porosity of the middle part of the egg to the entire egg.

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Table 4-2 Geometric equations used for calculating volume and surface area of the fossil egg and regression equations for modern bird eggs used for calculating volume, surface area and water vapor conductance of the fossil egg.

Geometric equations	
Half prolate ellipsoid (for zones 1 and 4)	$V = \frac{2}{3}\pi abc$, for prolate ellipsoid, $a=b=4.05$ cm (blunt end) or 2.65 cm (acute end). $S = 2\pi\left(a^2+c^2 \times \frac{\epsilon}{\tan \epsilon}\right)$, $\epsilon = \cos^{-1} \frac{a}{c}$ (eccentricity)
Cone (for zones 2 and 3)	$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$, r : the radius of the bottom circle. $S = \pi r(r^2+h^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (Weisstein, 2011) $y = 6.14x - 24.87$ (slope of specific cone used in this model).
Regression equations	
Egg volume	$V_{\text{egg}} = 0.51LB^2$, $L \equiv$ egg length, $B \equiv$ egg breadth (Hoyt, 1979).
Egg surface area	$S_{\text{egg}} = 4.951 V^{0.666}$ (Paganelli, Olszowka & Ar, 1974).
Egg conductance	$G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 0.3786M^{0.818}$, $M \equiv$ egg mass (Jackson et al., 2008).

Table 4-3 Zonal dimensions of the modelled *Heyuannia* egg CYN-2004-DINO-05/1 (Figure 4-1A, right egg).

Zone	Height (cm)	% Total egg height	Volume (cm ³)	% Volume	Surface area (cm ²)	% Surface area	Pore canal length (mm)
1	5.7	28.5	97.9	37.6	131.95	33.3	1.6
2	4.3	21.5	66.6	25.6	101.28	25.6	1.5
3	4.3	21.5	54.0	20.7	82.12	20.7	1.5
4	5.7	28.5	41.9	16.1	80.62	20.4	1.6

Table 4-4 Results of the porosity measurements and calculations of water vapor conductance of the modelled *Heyuannia* egg CYN-2004-DINO-05/1 (Figure 4-1A, right egg).

Zone	Total area (cm ²)	Area examined (cm ²)	No. of pores observed	Pore diameter (μ m)	Pore density (no./mm ²)	% Pore area	Pore area, A _p (mm ²)	G _{H₂O} (mg/dayTorr)	Pores per zone	per cm ² in zone
1	131.95	102	7	56.5	0.069	0.068	9.015	13.77	906	0.104
2	101.28	150	28	57.4	0.187	0.194	19.614	31.95	1891	0.315
3	82.12	342	108	57.2	0.316	0.326	26.789	43.64	2593	0.531
4	80.62	107	17	58.3	0.159	0.170	13.668	20.88	1281	0.259

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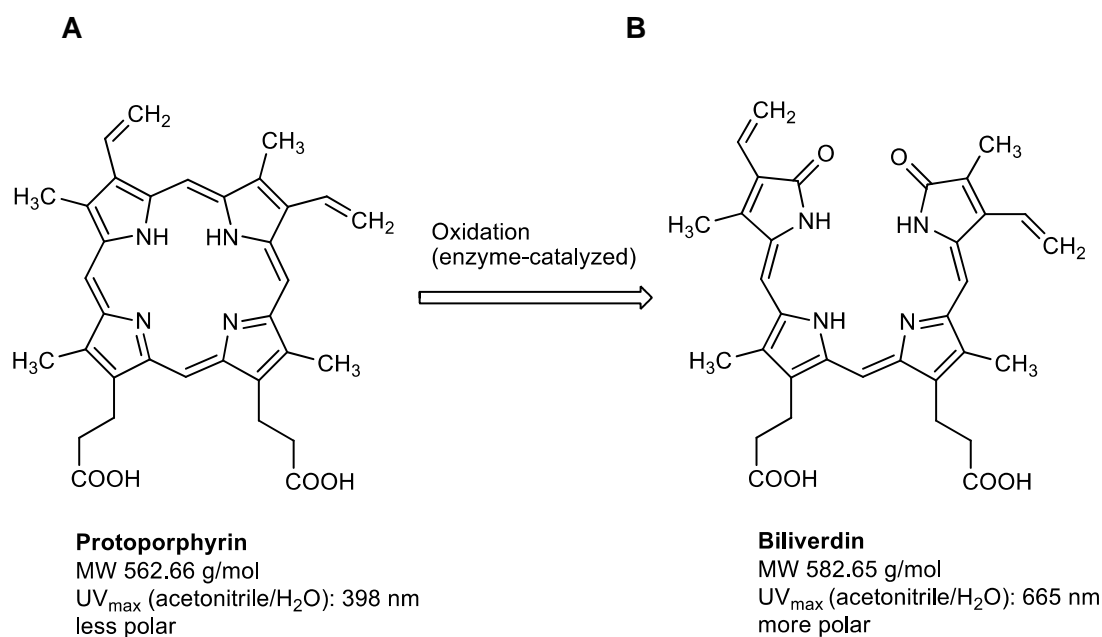


Figure 4-3 Structural formulas of eggshell pigments (A) BV and (B) PP.

4-3 Results

We reliably identified both BV, as $[M + H]^+$ with 583.2520 m/z (calculated mass: 583.2551 g/mol) after 8 min retention time, and PP, as $[M + H]^+$ complex with 563.2623 m/z (calculated mass: 563.2653 g/mol) after 14 min retention time (Figure 4-4A) in the commercial standard solutions, the emu eggshell, and the three fossil oviraptorid eggshell samples. The commercial standard solutions of known concentrations were used to identify the chemotrait-specific, diagnostic retention times for BV and PP on the chromatographic column. Elution of BV was consistent after 8 min, while elution of PP delayed consistently until 14 min of the run mobile phase gradient (consistent with [lgic et al., 2010](#)). A second compound-diagnostic trait was provided by ionization after elution from the chromatographic column, followed by exact mass determination of the $[M + H]^+$ ion complexes. Differing behavior of BV and PP native to eggshells compared to commercially purified BV and PP was ruled out by identical retention times, number of isoforms/tautomers, and exact mass peaks of emu eggshell BV and PP and the commercial standard solutions. Furthermore, maximum sensitivity of the HPLC ESI MS system was demonstrated by precise detection of pigment concentrations in the emu eggshell solution which approached the upper (BV) and the lower (PP) detection limits. The extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) for BV and PP obtained from the sediment

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sample whole ion mass spectrum yielded signals within broader tolerances of the BV and PP exact masses, but no peaks corresponding to the commercial standard calibrated retention times were identified. Absence of a diagnostic mass peak after 8 min retention time on the column for BV, and after 14 min retention time on the column for PP, is a significant demonstration of absence of trace amounts BV and PP in the sediment sample. Thereby, contamination of the samples or the detection system was excluded and originality of the detected pigments in the oviraptorid eggshell samples is guaranteed. Quantification of the detected pigment concentrations based on commercial standard calibration was determined by application of an experiment-empirical correction for the extraction loss of BV due to its increased hydrophily of the fossil oviraptor eggs. We found the highest preserved concentrations of BV in the eggshells from Henan (6 nmol/g), followed by the eggshells from Jiangxi (2 nmol/g) and those from Guangdong (1 nmol/g). The preserved PP concentrations ranged from 2 nmol/g in both the Henan and Jiangxi eggshells to 1 nmol/g in the Guangdong eggshells. Our empirical correction applied to the fossil eggshell samples yielded very realistic pigment concentration estimates for the emu eggshell of 2 nmol/g PP, and 266 nmol/g BV which fall into the reported range of emu eggshell pigment concentrations in the scientific literature (Table 4-1). The bluish shimmer of the fossil oviraptorid eggshells suggests generally higher BV concentrations than those we detected, as also found in a similar study on pigment preservation in subfossil moa eggshells using the same methodology. The color of the fossil eggs suggested higher BV concentrations than the authors managed to detect. Taken together, our study and the study by [lgic et al. \(2010\)](#) imply that bluish or greenish coloring degradation products of BV remain which therefore shows slightly different chemical properties and different exact masses and is thus not detected by an LC MS system targeting unmodified compounds measurable against commercial standards. To demonstrate the perceivability of a visual color signal based on the detected pigment concentrations in the oviraptorid eggshells, we plotted our pigment concentrations into the comprehensive pigment concentration-color matrix of ([Cassey et al., 2012](#)). Our three dinosaur egg color data points fall in the visibly olive-green color range between *Haliaetus albicilla* and *Circus aeruginosus* ([Cassey et al., 2012](#)). They plot in the cluster of unspotted eggs, suggesting an immaculate, homogenous coloration. No patterns were visible in the fossil eggs (Figure 4-1). Since the preserved fossil oviraptor eggshell color

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suggests originally higher BV concentrations, taphonomy needs to be considered to generate a realistic, native oviraptor egg color reconstruction. Because BV is more reactive and more hydrophilic, and thus soluble in sediment-percolating aqueous fluids, the concentrations of unmodified, preserved pigments after at least 66 million years of sedimentary burial are much more likely to be significantly lowered than those of the more stable, hydrophobic PP (Falk, 1964). Therefore, the taphonomic projections of our preserved pigment concentrations in the avian egg color space (Cassey et al., 2012) realistically lift the investigated oviraptor egg colors significantly towards much higher BV values, while the shift towards increased PP values would be only minimal. However, our fossil oviraptor eggs would remain deeply nested within the area of unspotted eggs (based on Cassey et al., 2012). Such an additional taphonomic correction of the reconstructed egg color approximates an intensively blue–greenish oviraptorid egg color. Whether the differences in preserved pigment concentrations between the three fossil oviraptor egg samples from different localities reflect intraspecific variation in egg color or different taphonomic conditions in the deposits cannot be reliably assessed at this point and requires future investigations. Since these differences in preserved pigment concentrations in the oviraptorid eggshells affect the BV values much stronger (range 6–1 nmol/g) than they affect the PP values (range 2–1 nmol/g), we assume that differences in color are more likely to be taphonomic. In vivo intraspecific variation of egg color would most likely affect BV and PP concentrations equally, while taphonomic effects affect BV concentrations much stronger than PP concentrations (Falk, 1964). Also, the original egg color is overprinted by a generally blackish-brownish hue (Figure 4-1). This brownish discoloration traces back to preserved, oxidatively crosslinked eggshell organic matrix proteins of the AGE/ALE-type (Wiemann et al., 2016). Our reconstruction of colored eggs for oviraptors is consistent with our reevaluation of the oviraptorid nesting mode: we consider oviraptor eggs as lying at least partially open in the nest (consistent with Norell et al., 1995). This reconstruction is based on the estimated water vapor conductance of $108.66 \text{ mg H}_2\text{O day}^{-1} \text{ Torr}^{-1}$ for the *Heyuannia* egg NMNS CYN-2004-DINO-05/1 from the province of Jiangxi (Figure 4-1A). This value is calculated from the four zonal conductances deduced from zonal porosity counts (section 4-2-6). The highest values for shell porosity were found in the middle portion of the oviraptor egg (zones 2 and 3), and especially pronounced in zone 3 with a resultant

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conductance of 43.6 mg H₂O day⁻¹ Torr⁻¹ (Table 4-3). The pointed end (zone 4) which is stuck in the nest material, has a calculated conductance of 22.88 mg H₂O day⁻¹ Torr⁻¹, while the exposed blunt end (zone 1) has a calculated conductance of 13.77 mg H₂O day⁻¹ Torr⁻¹ (Table 4-3).

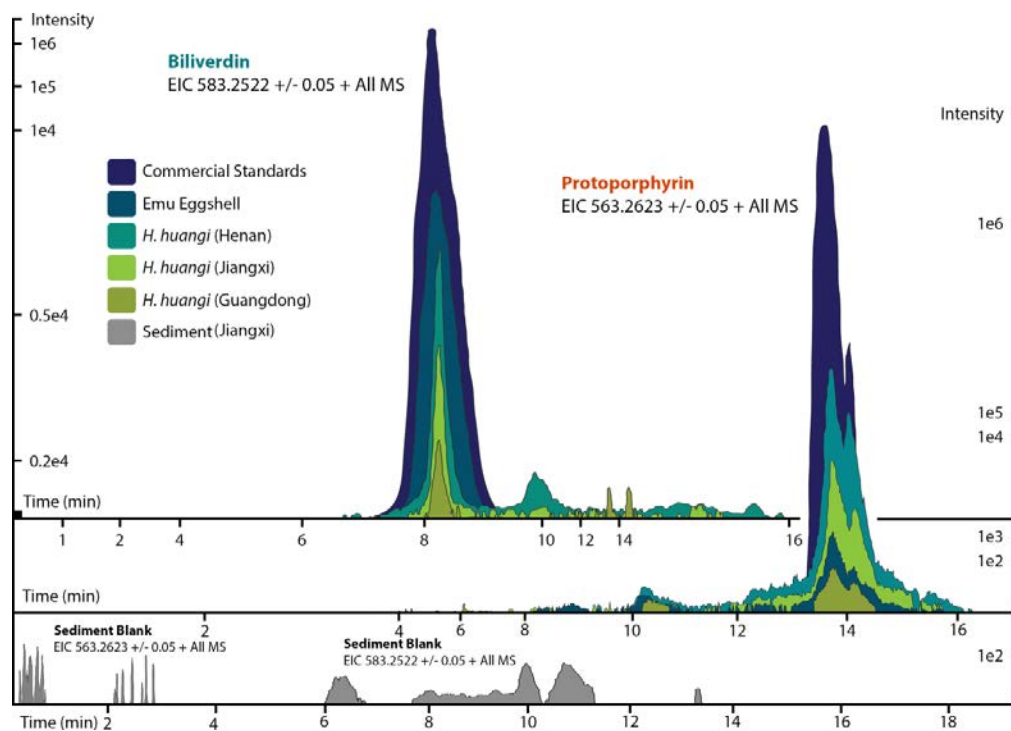


Figure 4-4 ESI (+) MS extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) for mass $583.2520 \pm 0.01/0.05$ m/z, indicative of BV, and mass $563.2653 \pm 0.01/0.05$ m/z, indicative of PP. We identified BV and PP by retention time, exact mass and isoform/tautomer separation. EICs for $583.2520 \pm 0.01/0.05$ m/z are depicted for the commercial BV standard, emu eggshell, extracts of *Heyuannia huangi* eggshells derived from the Chinese provinces Henan, Jiangxi, and Guangdong and the sediment control extract from Jiangxi. Unmodified BV elutes after 8 min retention time, and was proven present for the biliverdin commercial standard, the emu eggshell, and the three oviraptorid eggshells. The sediment sample was used as control for contamination, and its EIC does not show a peak after 8 min retention time, proving the absence of biliverdin in the sediment sample and the originality of biliverdin detected for the eggshell samples. EICs for $563.2653 \pm 0.01/0.05$ m/z are depicted for the commercial PP standard, emu eggshell, *Heyuannia huangi* eggshell derived from the Chinese provinces Henan, Jiangxi, and Guangdong, and the sediment sample from Jiangxi. Unmodified PP elutes after 14 min and was proven present for the PP commercial standard, the emu eggshell, and the fossil oviraptorid eggshells. There is no peak in the PP EIC for the sediment sample after 14 min, what proves the absence of PP in the sediment control sample, and the originality of PP in the eggshell samples. Peak intensity correlates with pigment concentrations in the extracts.

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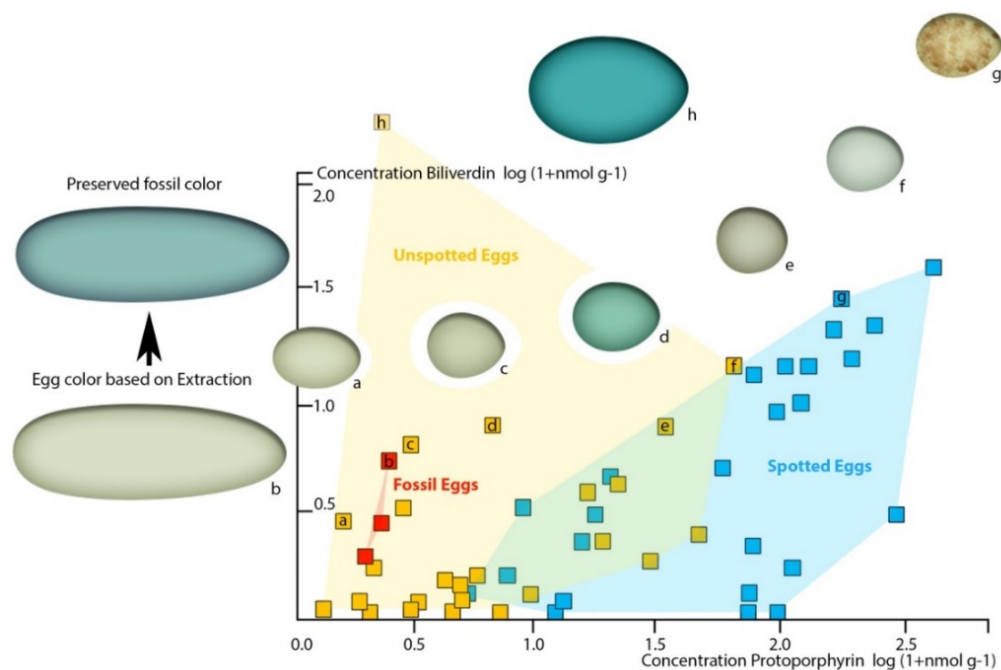


Figure 4-5 Plot of oviraptor egg and different avian egg biliverdin concentrations against their protoporphyrin concentrations with example for the overall color impression based on the dataset published by [Cassey et al. \(2012\)](#). Avian eggs cluster together moderately separated into unspotted (yellow cluster, yellow squares) and spotted (blue cluster, blue squares) eggs. Fossil oviraptorid eggs span a color space (red cluster) and are represented by red squares, all nested within definitely unspotted eggs. The color examples extracted from [Cassey et al. \(2012\)](#) indicated for the preserved oviraptor egg pigments concentrations a visibly olive-green color (framed by a: *Haliaeetus albicilla*; c: *Circus aeruginosus*). This color estimate lies still below the preserved bluish shimmer of the eggshells. Egg colors at cluster edges are extracted from [Cassey et al. \(2012\)](#) and labelled from a – h.

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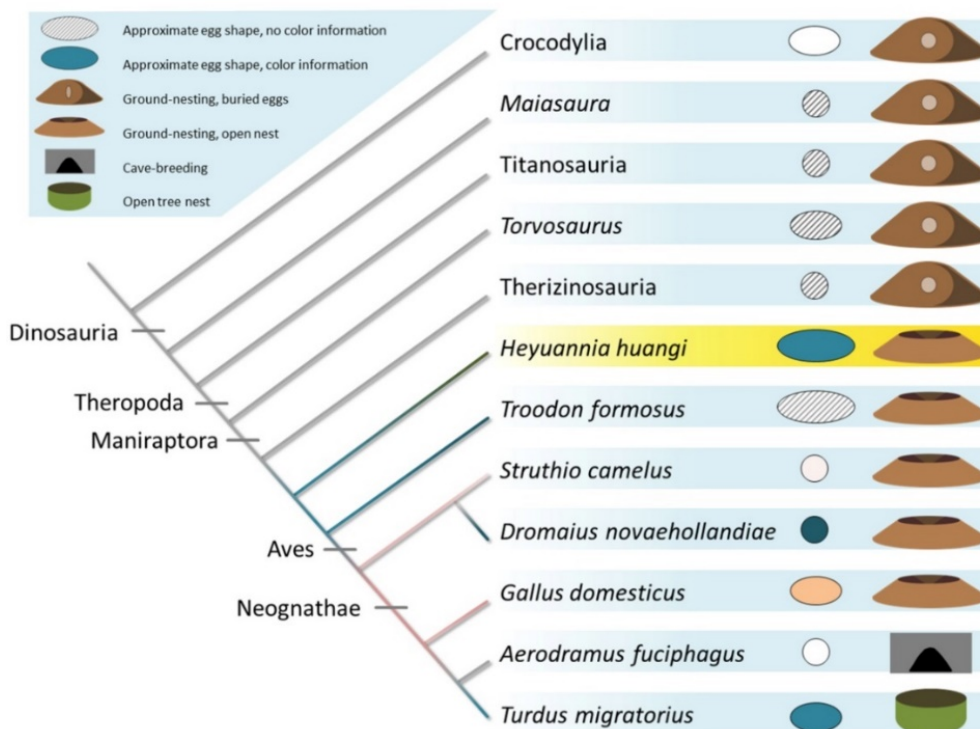


Figure 4-6 Evolution of egg coloration (egg item), egg shape (egg item), and nesting type (nest item) in archosaurs. Listed (as successive outgroups) are ornithischian dinosaurs, such as *Maiasaura*, for sauropods, such as titanosaurs, and theropod dinosaurs, including *Torvosaurus*, therizinosauria, oviraptorids, troodontids, and crown birds (Varricchio & Jackson, 2016). The topology of the tree is based on Nesbitt (2011) (Archosauria), Sereno (1999) (Dinosauria), Carrano, Benson & Sampson (2012) (Tetanurae), Turner, Makovicky & Norell (2012) (Paraves), Prum et al. (2015) (Aves). Porosity data and clutch structure indicate a fully buried nesting type for most dinosaur taxa Varricchio & Jackson (2016). Buried eggs which are indicated by the nesting item next to the egg item for each terminal taxon appear to be plesiomorphic. Oviraptorid dinosaurs, here represented by *Heyuannia huangi*, built at least partially open nests, concurrent with the phylogenetically most basal appearance of PP and BV in dinosaur eggshell (egg item). In modern birds, eggshell pigmentation varies with nesting microenvironment. Presence and kind of the (more abundant) eggshell pigment is represented by the color of the cladogram branch, and the egg item next to each terminal taxon. Beige egg colors indicate PP being more abundant, whereas bluish egg colors indicate BV being more abundant.

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4-4 Discussion

4-4-1 Paleocological Implications

Some aerobic microorganisms are known to produce protoporphyrin as an intermediate of their cytochrome c biosynthesis, and they also use biliverdin which represents a highly-conserved metabolite. Thus, a microbial origin of the pigments that we detected from our oviraptorid egg samples needs to be excluded. We use the double-checking LC MS approach (based on [Gorchein, Lim & Cassey, 2009](#)) applied to sediment adherent to the oviraptorid eggshells from Jiangxi to reliably exclude any wholesale sample contamination, contamination of the LC MS system, of used laboratory equipment or chemicals. Absence of any traces of BV or PP in our sediment control sample proves the cleanliness of our analytical system and supplies, as it proves absence of whole sample contamination based on potentially abundant microbes in the deposits. The only alternative source of the detected oviraptorid eggshell pigments would be eggshell-only contamination with microbially derived BV and PP ([Woodard & Dailey, 1995](#)). The preserved bluish-greenish shimmer of the investigated eggshells strongly argues against this. Also, the preserved pigment concentrations and differing BV and PP ratios eliminate the possibility of eggshell-only microbial contamination. The preserved concentrations fall within the empirical correction for pigment loss during the extraction routine (see Figure 4-4). Thus, the most parsimonious conclusion is that we have documented oviraptorid eggshell pigments.

Our results push the origin of pigmented eggshells phylogenetically back to oviraptorid dinosaurs (see Figure 4-5; [Kilner, 2006](#)). To test for convergent evolution or homology of egg color between oviraptorids and crown birds, future investigations of pigmentation in other eumaniraptoran eggshells are required. Oviraptorid dinosaurs incorporated the same pigments and isoforms into their eggshells, out of a pool of dozens of possible staining secondary metabolites ([McGraw, 2006](#); [Hubbard et al., 2010](#); [Stoddard & Prum, 2011](#)). If dinosaur egg color was a convergent character relative to the colored eggs of crown birds, the same color effect could have been achieved by use of different metabolites. Non-avian dinosaurs and modern birds apparently use the same molecules to create eggshell coloration. There are no studies available testing for

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pigment constraints during the shell formation based on simultaneous shell crystallite growth and pigment incorporation into the eggshell organic matrix. Also, potential constraints of metabolite transport mechanisms or de novo synthesis sites in the archosaur shell gland are yet unknown, as is metabolite permeability through the archosaur shell gland wall. In any case, we can infer based on our results that oviraptor shell glands generally worked in a similar way as avian shell gland does: due to its hydrophilic behavior biliverdin is preferentially incorporated into the organic matrix of the eggshell prismatic zone which holds the calcite crystallites ([Falk, 1964](#)). Biomaterial studies suggested thioether linkage of BV to cysteine-rich proteins, allowing an energy-efficient storage close to the ion lattice of calcite crystals ([Lamparter et al., 2004](#); [Salewski et al., 2013](#)). Based on this presumably general storage mechanism of BV in biocomposite materials, we infer a similar storage in oviraptor eggshells. PP is secreted during the final steps of eggshell formation, while the storage mechanism is yet unclear. Due to its hydrophobic properties, PP is currently thought to occur in highest concentrations in the waxy eggshell cuticle ([Baird, Solomon & Tedstone, 1975](#)). Thus, evidence for PP in fossil oviraptorid eggshells strengthens the support for hypothesized preservation of eggshell cuticle through deep time ([Mikhailov, 1991](#); [Schweitzer et al., 2002](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2004](#)). Both pigments are supposed to be synthesized de novo in the shell gland tissue ([Wang et al., 2009](#)).

Combining our pigment analyses with the outcomes of studies on oviraptorid clutch arrangements ([Huh et al., 2014](#); [Pu et al., 2017](#)), it can be summed up that oviraptorid eggs were most probably laid in overlapping circles, partially stuck in the nesting material, with their blunt ends exposed, pointing upwards in an almost vertical orientation. Partially exposed, blue-green eggs, stacked in circular layers, allow the inference of a similarly colored nesting material. In modern birds, blue-green eggs stored in ground nests are found in Casuariformes, including emus and cassowaries ([Coombs & Farlow, 1989](#)). Emus and cassowaries lay their eggs in soil mounds covered with leaf litter and vegetation, so that egg color and nesting background match in tone ([Coombs & Farlow, 1989](#)). Considering arid to subtropical paleoclimate reconstructions for Late Cretaceous China ([Hsu, 1983](#)), and the fluvial/alluvial red silt-sandstone sedimentology of the fossil laegerstaetten from Henan, Jiangxi and Guangdong provinces, vegetation coverage of the nest base comparable to emu and cassowary nests, adjacent to

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permanent or rather ephemeral river systems would offer an environment requiring blue-greenish egg colors for nest crypsis. An alternative explanation to only cryptic functions of blue-green eggs has been described for tinamous (*Tinamus major*): blue-green eggs in tinamous (*Tinamus major*) have been demonstrated to be non-cryptic and to be laid in environments where the egg color significantly contrasts the nesting background color ([Brennan, 2010](#)). In tinamous, nest predation depends not on egg color cues, but mainly on either visual or chemical parental cues during clutch incubation, and egg color is supposed to have evolved for intraspecific signaling ([Brennan, 2010](#)). Intraspecifically, blue-green egg color in modern birds has been associated with paternal care, communal nesting, and postmating sexual signaling ([Handford & Mares, 1985](#); [Moreno & Osorno, 2003](#)). Paternal care was previously hypothesized to have dinosaur origin, tracing back to oviraptorid dinosaurs, and thus, poses a good fit our finding of oviraptorid blue-green egg color ([Varricchio et al., 2008](#), but see [Birchard, Ruta & Deeming, 2013](#)). Communal nesting, as seen in polyandrous birds like emus and cassowaries, represents a reproductive strategy that might apply for non-avian dinosaurs, but has never been tested for ([Handford & Mares, 1985](#)). Preliminary studies based on eggshell chemical signatures identifying multiple maternal individuals contributing eggs to one clutch hint at communal nesting in oviraptorid dinosaurs ([Yang et al., 2016](#)). Finally, postmating sexual signaling according to the Sexual Signaling Hypothesis appears controversial in the ornithological literature ([Moreno & Osorno, 2003](#); [Krist & Grim, 2007](#)). This hypothesis suggests intensive blue-green egg color as a quality marker for maternal health and immunocapability ([Moreno & Osorno, 2003](#)). Post-mating sexual signaling then occurs due to BV being incorporated in high concentrations into the eggshell because it is dispensable to the maternal metabolism ([Moreno & Osorno, 2003](#)). The general idea goes back to the handicap hypothesis ([Roberts, Buchanan & Evans, 2004](#)), and assumes that the male is motivated by the confirmation of the female health status and thus, the offspring quality ([Moreno & Osorno, 2003](#)).

The similarity in reproductive strategies between crown birds and derived non-avian maniraptorans may reflect shared selective pressures: the recent discovery of the anseriform *Vegavis* in Late Cretaceous deposits from Antarctica provides evidence that crown birds coexisted with non-avian dinosaurs ([Clarke et al., 2016](#)). The presence of neognath birds in the Late Cretaceous implies that paleognath birds already diverged at

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this point (based on avian phylogeny by [Prum et al., 2015](#)). We would like to suggest new avenues of research based on the perspective of the potential coexistence, shared selection pressures, and niche competition of secondarily flightless paleognath birds and oviraptorid, dromosaurid, and troodontid dinosaurs.

4-4-2 Cuticle Preservation

In extant bird eggs, the cuticle layer is composed of an inner calcified layer and an outer non-calcified layer. The inner calcified layer consists of a thin layer of hydroxyapatite ([Dennis et al., 1996](#)). Eggshell from an embryo-bearing *Heyuannia* egg (NMNS-0015726-F02-embryo-01) was radially sectioned for observation under a polarized light microscope. In the radial section of this eggshell specimen, we observed a mineralized layer with mammillae-like structures atop the crystalline layer of the eggshell, which may be the preserved inner hydroxyapatite layer of the original cuticle (Figure 4-7). This observation is consistent with the detection of PP because PP is mainly deposited in the cuticle.

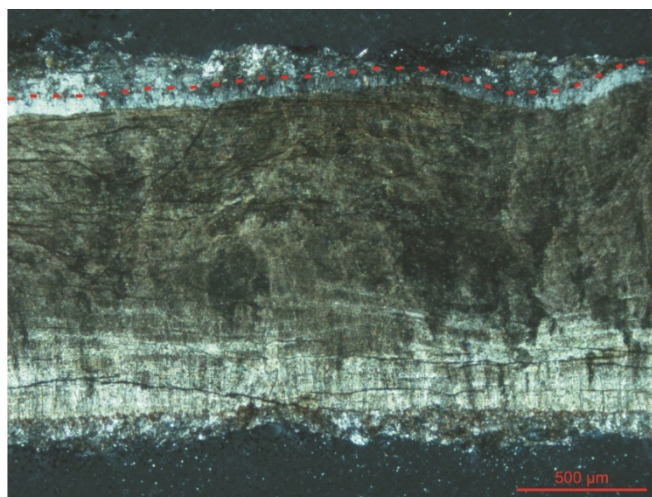


Figure 4-7 Radial section of eggshell from an embryo-bearing *Heyuannia* egg (NMNS-0015726-F02-embryo-01) in polarized light showing the putative cuticle layer below the red dashed line and the outer surface of the brownish crystalline layer. Scale bar equals 500 μm .

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4-5 Conclusion

Our study extends the origin of colored eggs from crown birds to oviraptorid dinosaurs. The result has important implications both for the origin of avian biology and the reproductive biology of theropod dinosaurs. This work also broadens the scope of paleontological research on molecular preservation and ecology to hard vertebrate tissues. Our study ties together previous hypotheses on the eumaniraptoran origin of partially open nesting, and paternal care. Also, potential future avenues for investigation are posed by the potential linkage between blue-green egg color and communal nesting, as well as polyandry, which represent yet unaddressed topics in extinct archosaurs.

The second aspect of our work focuses on its implications for molecular and soft tissue preservation through deep time. Chemically stable, relatively small biological molecules such as PP and BV appear to be protected from complete degradation over millions of years in carbonate biomineral matrices, in an oxidative sediment milieu. Similar biomolecule preservation may also be present in enamel, dentine and bone mineral. Ancient biomolecules and the soft tissues which they construct pave the way to trace life and its behaviors through time and, thus, invite further studies since they are easily detectable, more abundant than expected, and revolutionary in their ecological implications.

Chapter 5 Reconstruction of oviraptorid clutches illuminates their unique nesting biology

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ABSTRACT

Oviraptorosaurs, a group of non-avian theropod dinosaurs from the Cretaceous of Asia and North America, yield the most abundant fossil record that elucidates their reproductive biology. In the aspect of reproductive biology, previous studies suggested that oviraptorosaurs represent an intermediate stage that have exhibited unique modern avian traits. For instance, the adult-associated clutches were predominantly considered as evidence for brooding/thermoregulatory contact incubation (TCI) behaviors, whereas the hypotheses of laying or protection were neglected. Despite numerous oviraptorid egg clutches uncovered from China and Mongolia, their nest architecture and clutch arrangement were never investigated in detail. Here we present a comprehensive reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch based on five new oviraptorid clutches from Jiangxi Province, China. A detailed examination of the new clutches reveals a partially-open oviraptorid nest that contains 3-4 rings of paired eggs (more than 15 pairs) whose blunt end points toward the center devoid of eggs at an angle of 35° to 40°. Evidence arising from our reconstruction indicates that an oviraptorid nest shows unique architecture and egg arrangement unanalogous to extant bird's clutches, implying an apomorphic nesting mode in oviraptorids. Such a peculiar nest architecture further contradicts the TCI hypothesis in oviraptorids, hindering sufficient heat transfer to the inner(lower) ring(s) of eggs. Moreover, the size of new oviraptorid clutches (>30) is significantly larger than that of the adult-associated clutches (<22), raising the alternative hypothesis

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that the adult-associated clutches were uncompleted. This clue thus supports the hypothesis that the clutch-associated oviraptorid adults possibly represent females after an oviposition before a catastrophic sandstorm/flooding burial.

5-1 Introduction

5-1-1 From a Thief to a Loving Mom

Oviraptor, which means “egg thief”, was named by Osborn in 1924 based on the *Oviraptor philoceratops* (AMNH FARB 6517, Figure 5-1A) and its associated clutch (AMNH FARB 6508, Figure 5-2B) from the Late Cretaceous (Campanian) Djadokhta Formation of Bayn Dzak (= the Flaming Cliffs = Shabarakh Usu), Mongolia ([Osborn, 1924](#)). Osborn assigned the associated clutch to protoceratopsians and hence proposed the hypothesis that oviraptors preyed on proceratopsian eggs. Seventy year later, [Norell et al. \(1994\)](#) described an embryo-containing egg (IGM100/971) from the Djadokhta Formation of Ukhaa Tolgod, which exhibited striking morphological similarity to those “protoceratopsian” eggs of the 1924 clutch, but contained cranial remains presenting diagnostic features associated with oviraptorids. Therefore, the hypothesis that oviraptors were egg thieves was mute. Subsequently, [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) reported another oviraptor adult-associated clutch from Ukhaa Tolgod and suggested a bird-like “brooding” behavior (Figure 5-2). This implied the origin of bird-like incubation in basal maniraptorans and gave rise to an entire branch of research investigating the origins of avian characters in their non-avian dinosaur stem. Since 1995, two other similar specimens were discovered and interpreted as “brooding” clutches as well: IVPP V9608 from the Djadokhta Formation of Bayan Mandahu, Inner Mongolia, China (Figure 5-3; [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Longrich, Currie & Dong, 2010](#)), and IGM 100/1004, again from Ukhaa Tolgod (first reported by [Clark et al., 1999](#) and re-described by [Norell et al., 2018](#)). The specimens IGM 100/979 and IGM 100/1004 were used to erect the new taxon *Citipati osmolskae* in 2001 ([Clark et al., 1999](#); [Clark, Norell & Barsbold, 2001](#)). [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) described an 18-egg clutch from the Baruungoyot Formation of the Nemegt Basin, southern Mongolia (MPC-D 107/15, Figure 5-4), which lacks a clear clutch patterning due to poor preservation, again with a partial skeleton in brooding position on top, and suggested the new taxon *Nemegtomaia barsboldi* based on this material. Most recently, two new oviraptor associated-clutches (Figure 5-5 & Figure 5-6) were excavated, for the first time, from the fluvial deposits of Nanxiong Formation in Jiangxi, southern China (one of them was preliminarily described by [Bi & Xu \(2017\)](#)).

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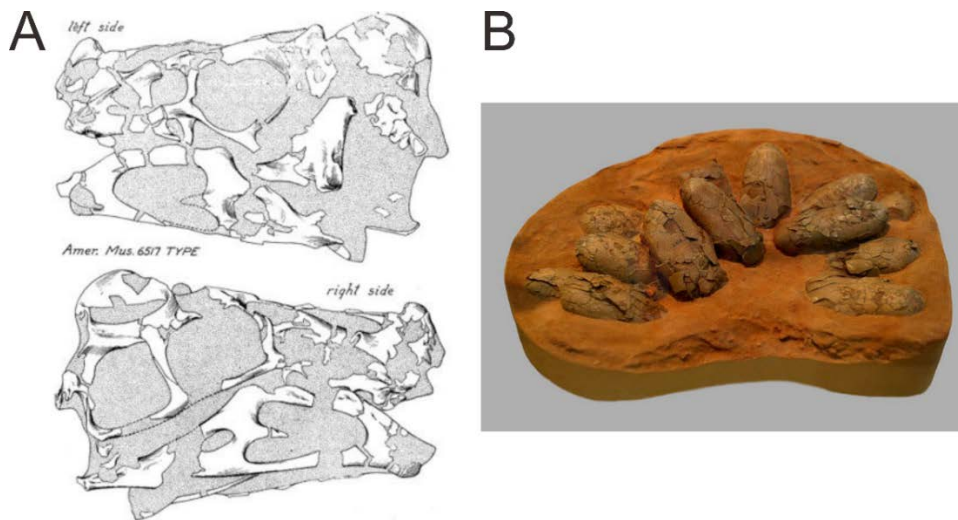


Figure 5-1 The holotype of *Oviraptor philoceratops*. (A) Illustrations of the holotype *Oviraptor philoceratops* from left and right side-views and (B) photograph of its associated clutch (AMNH 6517 and AMNH 6508; [Osborn, 1924](#); <http://research.amnh.org/paleontology/media/images/>). The clutch was prepared from the bottom.



Figure 5-2 Photograph of the “brooding” oviraptorid specimen (IGM 100/979) described in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#). This specimen consists of an avian-like sitting adult and an egg clutch estimated to encompass 22 eggs. Only 15 eggs are exposed since the other eggs beneath the skeletons cannot be exposed without removing the skeletons. Note that the eggs were crushed by sediment compaction, but still retain a paired arrangement. The eggs are arranged in two nearly concentric rings, four in the upper ring (beneath the right forelimb) and eleven in the lower ring, respectively. The blunt ends of the eggs point to the center devoid of eggs. Scale bar: 10 cm. Reprinted with permission from Macmillan Publishers Ltd: [NATURE] [1], copyright (1995).

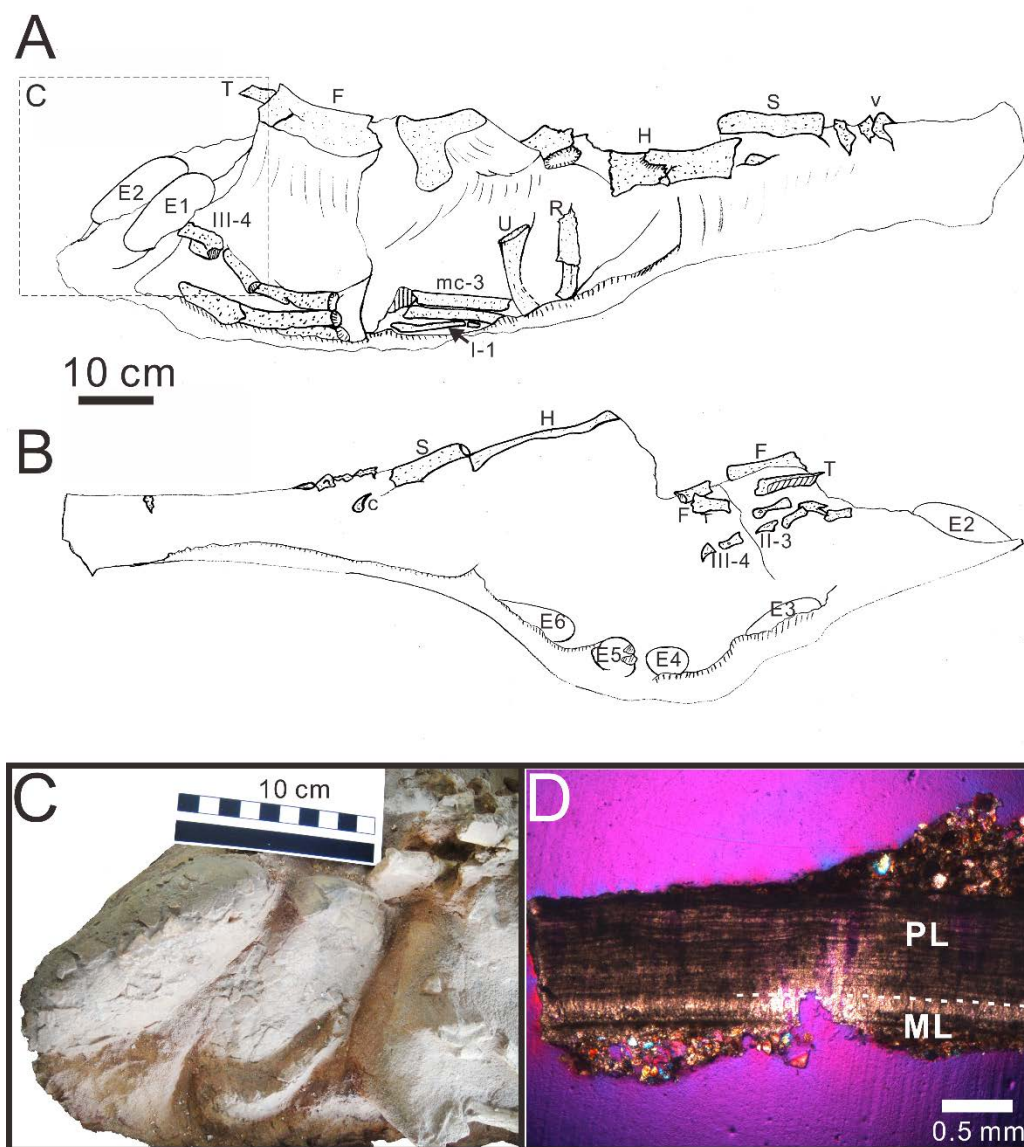


Figure 5-3 A partial oviraptorid preserved with six eggs housed in the IVPP (IVPPV9608) first described by [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#). (A) Right lateral sketch of IVPPV9608. The blunt end of both eggs (E1 and E2) under the tibia points inward, indicating a similar arrangement of eggs as in IGM 100/979. (B) Left lateral sketch of IVPP V9608. Two eggs (E4 and E5) point inward underneath the humerus and femur. (C) Detail of E1 and E2 in the dashed region of (A). Note that the eggs are crushed due to sediment compaction. (D) Petrographic thin section of the eggshell from specimen IVPPV9608 under the polarizing microscope. The mammillary layer (ML) is intact, implying that little erosion on the innermost eggshell occurred before fossilisation. The white dashed line marks the boundary between the prismatic layer (PL) and mammillary layer (ML). c, clavicle; E: egg; F, femur; H, humerus; R, radius; S, scapula; T, tibia; U, ulna; v, vertebra; mc3, metacarpal 3.

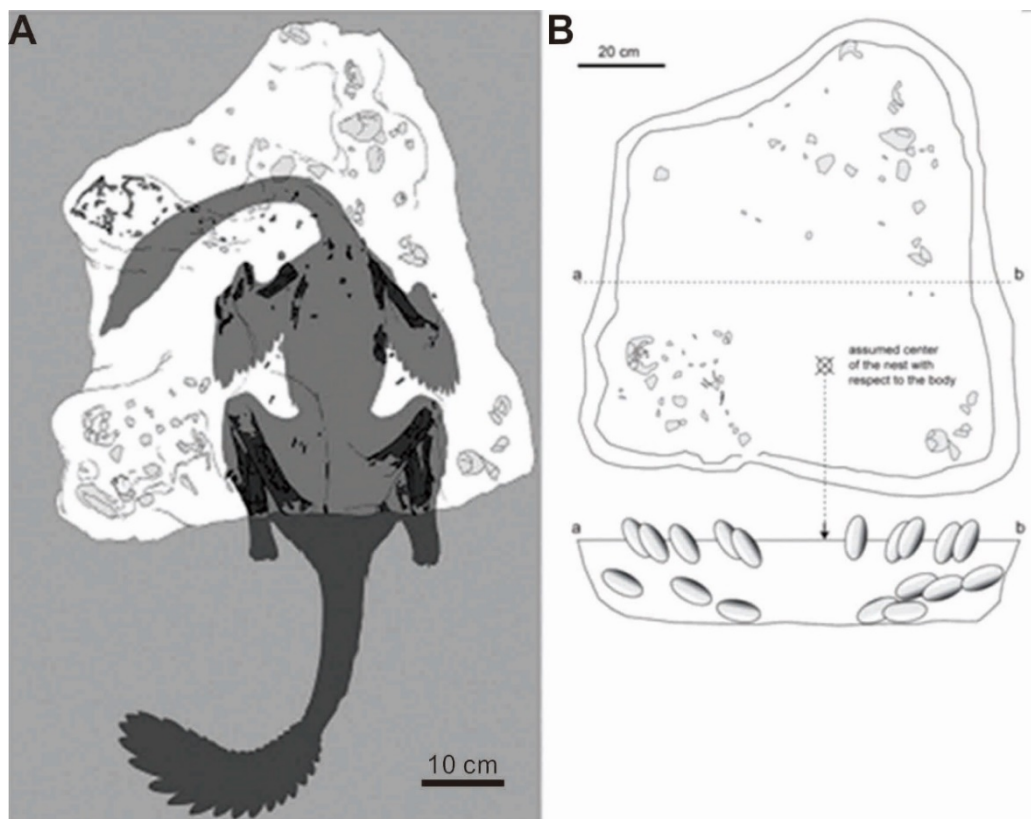


Figure 5-4 Photograph of the brooding *Nemegtomaia barsboldi* (MPC-D 107/15; [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#)). The MPC-D 107/15 specimen was discovered from the Baruungoyot Formation in Mongolia. (A) The MPC-D 107/15 block and the simulated sitting oviraptor on the egg-clutch. The eggs, the arrangement of the eggs, and the architecture of the egg-clutch are poorly preserved, showing only an indistinct configuration of the nest. Both of hindlimbs are preserved as like curling legs, suggesting an avian brooding gesture of the adult on the egg-clutch. Scale bar: 10 cm. (B) The specimen was prepared from the bottom. However, [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) did not address that the side pointing to the center is the blunt end, which is a crucial observation for identifying the top or bottom of the specimen. Reprinted from [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#). Scale bar: 20 cm.

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Figure 5-5 Photograph of an undescrbed brooding specimen (AGB 4990). This specimen was discovered in Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province, China, currently housed at Anhui Geological Museum in Hefei, China.

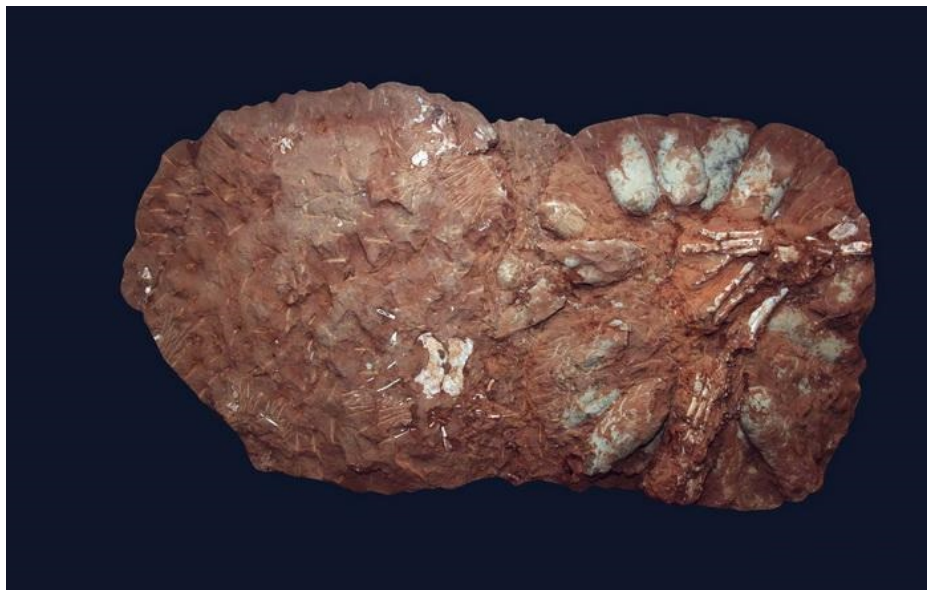


Figure 5-6 Photograph of an undescrbed brooding specimen from Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province, China. This specimen has been briefly reported by [Bi & Xu \(2017\)](#). Reprinted from Zhejiang Museum of Natural History, Hanzhou, Zhejiang Province, China (<http://www.zmnh.com/html/7961.htm>).

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Thus, to date at least seven oviraptorid clutches topped by an adult individual have been discovered, including five from the sand-dune deposits in Mongolia and China and two from the Nanxiong Formation in southern China (Table 5-1). The ones from the sand-dune deposits in Mongolia and China represent four separate taxa of oviraptorosaurs (Table 5-1; [Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). In the wake of these discoveries of adult-associated specimens, the body heat-incubation/brooding hypothesis appears to have progressively gained more acceptance over the egg-laying hypothesis, following a surge of discoveries of feathered dinosaurs in northeastern China and Canada, which traced more and more avian features back to their dinosaur ancestors ([Ji et al., 1998](#)). Recently, the heat-incubation/brooding hypothesis was also obscurely imposed on other oviraptorosaurian taxa, such as *Beibeilong* ([Pu et al., 2017](#)) and an unknown taxon ([Amiot et al., 2017](#)); however, without previous reports on clutch-associated adults of these taxa. Therefore, a rigorous discussion for different types of brooding is crucial for further detailed discussion of “brooding behavior” in oviraptorids later.

In modern birds, the term “brooding” covers the two categories “prehatching brooding” and “posthatching brooding” ([Mandal, 2012](#)). For dinosaurs, previous studies mainly discussed “prehatching brooding” ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)), while “posthatching brooding” was rarely discussed. Posthatching brooding comprises protecting and taking care of the young after hatching, and also includes body heat transfer from the adult to the hatched offspring. Prehatching brooding involves incubation behavior, which means the adult is sitting on the eggs to keep them warm and to bring them to hatching. In altricial birds, endothermy develops in the chicks only after hatching, which is why they are thermally dependent on brooding adults for the first days after hatching ([Dawson, Bennett & Hudson, 1976](#); [Whittow & Tazawa, 1991](#); [Hohtola & Visser, 1998](#)). In superprecocial and precocial birds, endothermy is gained even before hatching, ([Whittow & Tazawa, 1991](#)). Since altricial bird embryos and hatchlings show a strong allometry of skull, wing, and hindlimb proportions, freshly hatched chicks are rather immobile, which forces them to remain in their nest at least for some time ([Whittow & Tazawa, 1991](#)). More precocial birds have already well developed walking

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legs and musculature and are thus not that limited in their locomotion ([Whittow & Tazawa, 1991](#)). Precocial birds do not need as much “post-hatching” parental care as altricial birds do. Furthermore, adults usually “brood” their hatchlings during the first days after hatching also to protect them from predation ([Dial, 2003](#); [McLennan et al., 2004](#)).

Table 5-1 Specimen number, clutch size, number of rings, taxonomic assignment, locality information, and stratigraphic horizon of the previously described “brooding” specimens and the unreported specimens.

Specimen number	Clutch size	Number of rings	Taxonomic assignment	Locality information	Stratigraphic horizon and references
AMNH 6508 AMNH 6517	15	2	<i>Oviraptor philoceratops</i>	Bayn Dzak (The Flaming Cliffs=Shabarakh Usu), Mongolia	Djadokhta Formation (Figure 5-1; Osborn, 1924)
IGM 100/979 (Big Mamma)	15 (visible) 22 (estimated)	2	<i>Citipati osmolskae</i>	Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia	Djadokhta Formation (Figure 5-2; Norell et al., 1995)
IGM 100/1004 (Big Auntie)	Not reported	2	<i>Citipati osmolskae</i>	Ukhaa Tolgod, Mongolia	Djadokhta Formation (Clark et al., 1999 ; Norell et al., 2018)
IVPP V9608	6	1	cf. <i>Machaisaurus</i>	Bayan Mandahu, Inner Mongolia, China	Djadokhta Formation (Figure 5-3; Dong & Currie, 1996 ; Longrich, Currie & Dong, 2010)
MPC-D 107/15	18	2?	<i>Nemegtomaia barsboldi</i>	Nemegt, Mongolia	Baruungoyot Formation (Figure 5-4; Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012)
AGM 4990	30	3	?	Ganzhou, Jiangxi, China	Nanxiong Formation (Figure 5-5; unpublished work)
Uncatalogued	9	1	?	Ganzhou, Jiangxi, China	Nanxiong Formation (Figure 5-6; Bi & Xu, 2017)

[Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) described the sitting oviraptor only as a “brooding” rather than an “incubating” adult. However, their description suggested the association between brooding behavior and incubation by heat transfer from the adult (thermoregulatory incubation). This view of brooding oviraptorids has been challenged by paleontologists and ornithologists for over 20 years ([Carpenter, 1999b](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#); [Ruben, Jones & Geist, 2003](#); [Jones et al., 2012](#)). [Horner \(2000\)](#) also pointed out that [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) defined “brooding behavior” as the pattern of sitting on the eggs, and that such behavior is often associated with thermoregulatory incubation. However, such a definition of brooding behavior is considered by some authors to be problematic; for instance,

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[Deeming \(2002a\)](#) doubted the viability of such a type of incubation in oviraptors, noting that the eggs in the lower layer(s) (actually the inner ring(s)) of the clutch would not have had proper contact with the brooding adult and thus would not have benefited from the parent's body heat. In addition, behavior observed in extant non-avian archosaurs such as crocodylians could possibly provide an alternative explanation in that the parent/adult oviraptorid might have been sitting or lying atop its clutch mainly to protect it ([Ferguson, 1985](#); [Webb & Cooperpreston, 1989](#)). A brooding bird arranges its eggs randomly in a single layer to place all the eggs below its brood patch, ensuring efficient heat transfer to all eggs, and periodically manipulates them in order to equably distribute the heat. However, the multiple-ring clutch arrangement of oviraptorids shown in previous studies (previously referred as superposed layers ([Clark et al., 1999](#); [Grellet-Tinner et al., 2006](#))) and a pair of eggs preserved in the pelvic region of an oviraptorosaur specimen ([Sato et al., 2005](#)) imply that the clutch retained the arrangement of the eggs as they were laid. This appears inconsistent with egg manipulation during avian brooding ([Varricchio et al., 1997](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)).

Some studies had offered different perspectives on the sitting oviraptors. [Martin & Simmons \(1995\)](#) and [Carpenter \(1999b\)](#) suggested that oviraptorids sat in the center of their semi-exposed egg rings: in other words, they built partially open nests. They also proposed that the oviraptors were sitting on their clutches to protect them from predators. Their suggestions were challenged by [Paul \(2002\)](#), who argued that it was safer to bury the eggs deep in sediments instead of exposing them to the air. However, the partially open nest structure seems to echo Deeming's view that it is unlikely for the parent to sit on the exposed blunt ends of eggs ([Deeming, 2002a](#)). It should also be noted that most extant birds construct their nests to be fully open and exposed, which allows the eggs to be manipulated to effectively allow body heat to transfer to the eggs. In addition, the eggs of extant birds are arranged in a single layer to efficiently transfer body heat from the brooding parent to all the eggs, unlike the multi-ringed clutch of oviraptors, arranged around a higher and vacant center.

All above arguments are closely related to the clutch architecture of an oviraptorid clutch, which was never rigorously investigated and detailed discussed. Thus, we would like to present a short review that presents different hypotheses regarding the architecture of an oviraptorid clutch for highlighting the aims of this study.

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5-1-2 Architecture of an Oviraptorid Clutch

In the beginning, it is crucial to distinguish between a clutch, a cluster, and a nest. A clutch refers to all the eggs laid by an or several archosaur (monogamous or polygamous), at a single time or in a single reproductive season, particularly in a nest ([Lack, 1948](#)). In fossils, it is sometimes difficult to determine if all the eggs found in close proximity of each other were laid at the same time or within the same reproductive season; hence, the term “cluster” is used to describe an accumulation of eggs found in close proximity but which cannot be assigned to a single clutch with certainty ([Vila et al., 2010](#)). [Werner & Griebeler \(2013\)](#) and [Ruxton, Birchard & Deeming \(2014\)](#) concurred [Vila et al. \(2010\)](#)'s implication by hypothesizing that sauropods split their egg production across a number of different “clutches” since a sauropod clutch is radically smaller than their allometric estimation of a sauropod's fecundity. Despite the conceptual difference between a cluster and a clutch, an empirical discrimination between them in the fossil record is unlikely feasible.

In accordance with [Hechenleitner, Grellet-Tinner & Fiorelli \(2015\)](#), herein we define that a nest consists of a clutch and its associated shelter; however, the latter is often poorly preserved in the fossil record or destroyed during excavation. [Varricchio et al. \(1997\)](#) discovered a *Troodon* nest (MOR 963) comprising a 24-egg clutch within a shallow depression bordered by a distinct rim. However, no distinct sedimentological nest structures have been reported in oviraptorids.

Confusion and controversy have also surrounded oviraptorid clutch architecture since [Sabath \(1991\)](#) proposed the first taphonomic scenario to describe how the oviraptorid clutch architecture changed during fossilization. [Sabath \(1991\)](#) noticed that the elongate ornamented egg (=oviraptorid) clutch he investigated was prepared upside down, but failed to identify the multi-ringed and paired arrangement of the eggs (fig. 5 of [Sabath, 1991](#)). He vaguely implied that the dipping angle of the eggs decreased because of sediment compaction and suggested that the eggs in a clutch were arranged spirally. Four years later, [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) proposed another interpretation of clutch architecture, in a sketch showing a *Citipati* individual sitting on a randomly arranged egg clutch (fig. 2 of [Norell et al., 1995](#)). In this sketch, the authors also implied that the eggs were laid in a pit. [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) corrected some flaws in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) reconstruction based on the oviraptorid clutch IGM 100/1008 (fig. 3 of [Dong & Currie,](#)

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[1996](#)). The sketch of the IGM 100/1008 specimen showed a highly organized and paired egg arrangement with the blunt ends of the eggs pointing to a center devoid of eggs. However, it was left open whether the eggs were buried or exposed to the air. [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) also proposed that an oviraptorid nest should be reconstructed as a mound rather than as a pit as described in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#), since they observed that the eggs are inclined to the ground at gentle angles (13-16 degrees) and slope away from the clutch center. However, the compaction during fossilization was not mentioned in these studies ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) missed the paired arrangement and blunt ends pointing to the center in his sketch (fig. 1-2 of [Deeming, 2002a](#)). To conclude, the oviraptorid clutch architecture has been interpreted several times but none of them appeared comprehensive as discussed above ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#)). Although the highly organized, paired arrangement of the eggs in an oviraptorid clutch has been documented ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)), it was still contentious whether the eggs in an oviraptorid clutch were arranged spirally, as suggested by [Sabath \(1991\)](#) and [Jones et al. \(2012\)](#). However, several studies suggested that the eggs were arranged in superimposed circles, namely several concentric rings ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)).

Oviraptorid dinosaur nests were initially considered to belong to the covered nest type based on the high water vapor conductance of the eggshell calculated from the porosity of single eggshell fragments ([Mou, 1992](#)). However, simply estimating the total water vapor conductance based on isolated fragments of eggshell is problematic because of the heterogeneous pore distribution and shell thickness variation across the whole egg. A recent sedimentological investigation by [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) of a *Nemegtomaia barsboldi* clutch associated with a skeleton indicates that the upper layer of the clutch was not buried (or was only partially buried). [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) partly echoed [Wang & Jan \(1963\)](#)'s speculation that the oviraptorid dinosaur laid eggs on a mound. Finally, [Wiemann et al. \(2015\)](#) suggested that the oviraptorid clutch was partially open to the air based on detected pigments (reddish-brown protoporphyrin and blue-green biliverdin) and heterogeneous distribution of water vapor conductance.

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Although the nesting mode (covered vs. open) was elucidated by our previous study ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)), a detailed reconstruction for the architecture of an oviraptorid clutch requires further investigations. In this study, we attempt to re-evaluate the hypothesis of thermoregulatory contact incubation (abbreviated as TCI hereafter) behavior based on the evidence arising from our reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch.

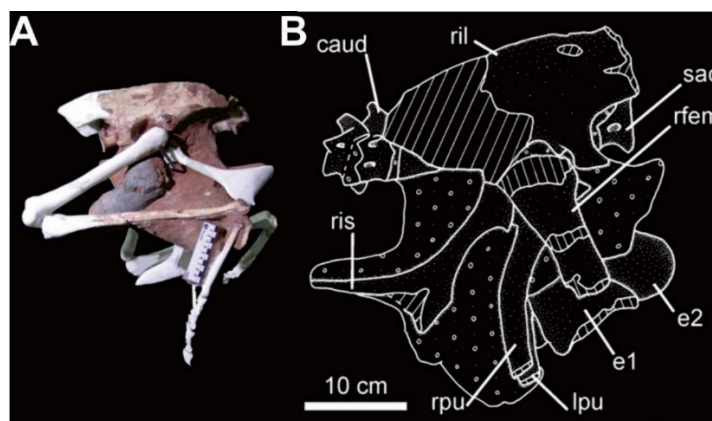


Figure 5-7 An oviraptorosaur pelvis with a pair of eggs inside reported by [Sato et al. \(2005\)](#). (A) A right lateral view of the specimen NMNS-VPDINO-2002-0901. (B) The osteological illustration of the specimen from left lateral view, showing the acute end of the two eggs pointing caudally.

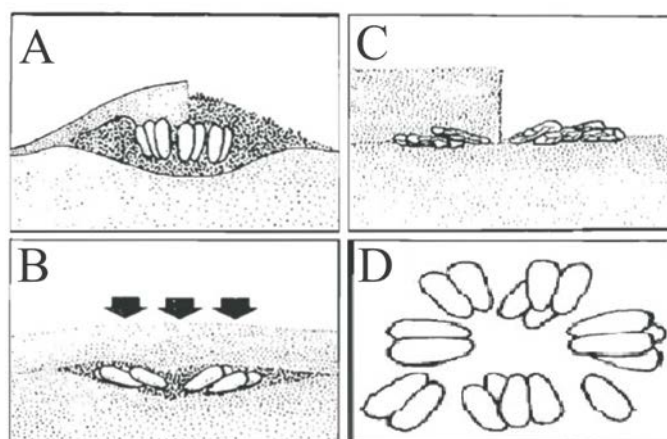


Figure 5-8 A schematic illustration of an oviraptorid egg-clutch during fossilization processes. (A) In the beginning of fossilization, the oviraptorid clutch was buried in humus and sediments. Note that the eggs were nearly vertically inclined. (B) The inclining angle of eggs increased due to the compaction through the sedimentation. (C) Finally, the eggs were crushed and nearly horizontally inclined after being compacted. (D) The top-view of the egg-clutch after compaction. Note that the acute ends point to the center in the schematic illustration. Reprinted from [Sabath \(1991\)](#).

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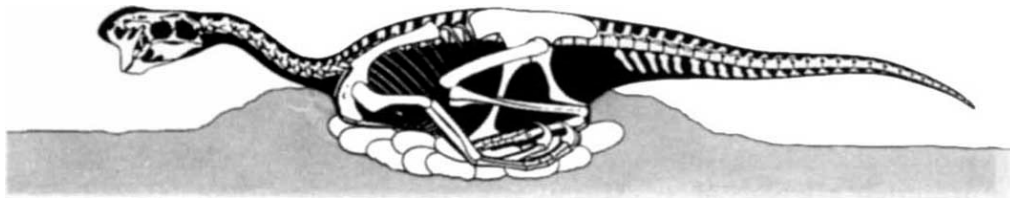


Figure 5-9 A schematic illustration of the brooding oviraptor IGM 100/979 described in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#). Note that the eggs beneath the adult are randomly distributed and compacted as like modern birds. However, more reports on oviraptor egg-clutches reveal that they are actually paired arranged and highly organized. Reprinted from [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#).

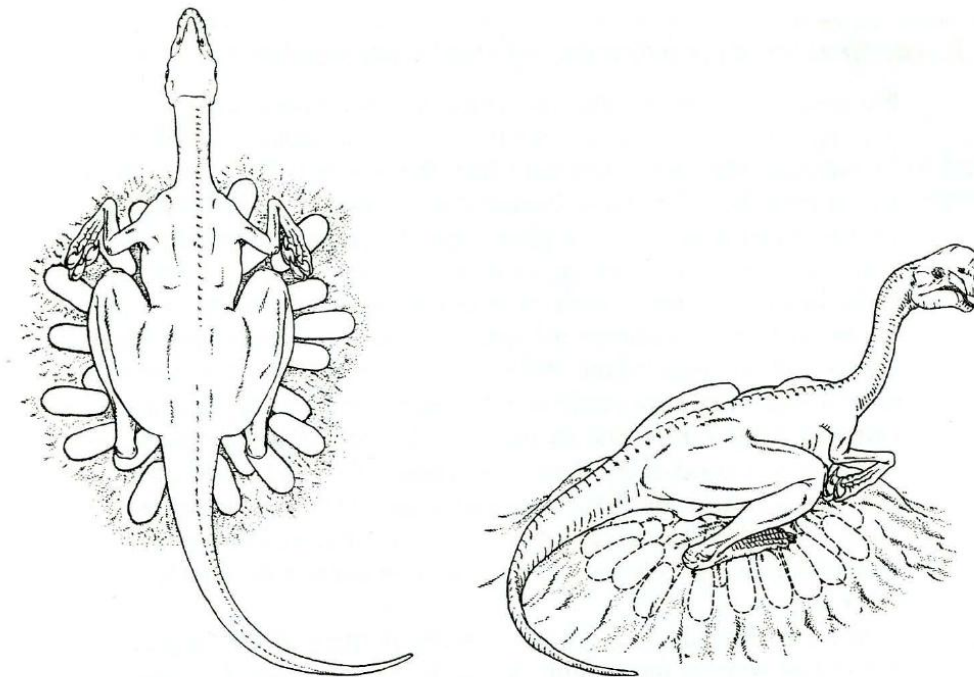


Figure 5-10 A schematic illustration of a brooding oviraptor on its clutch by [Deeming \(2002a\)](#). Note that the acute end of the eggs points inward to the center of the clutch as illustrated by [Sabath \(1991\)](#). The dashed outline of eggs refers to the buried nesting type. However, a recent study suggested that oviraptor eggs were at least partially open to the air ([Viemann et al., 2015](#); [Yang et al., 2015](#)).

5-2 Geological Background

The new egg clutch specimens were discovered from the Nanxiong Formation (Nanxiong Group) of the Ganzhou Basin in South China. Regional tectonics during Late Cretaceous-Early Paleogene resulted in a series of NE-SW trending extensional basins sharing similar sedimentological and stratigraphic features in southern Jiangxi and northern Guangdong, including Hongcheng Basin, Ganzhou Basin, Nanxiong Basin, etc ([Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources of Jiangxi Province, 1984](#)). These basins are elongate and composed of red fluvial-lacustrine clastic sequences, featured by the dinosaur-containing Late Cretaceous Nanxiong Formation (Dafeng, Zhutian, Zhenshui, and Pingling Formations) and the mammal-bearing Loufuzai Group (Shanghu and Nongshan Formations).

The Nanxiong Formation in the Ganzhou Basin is composed of brownish red, medium-grained sandstone and sparsely interbedded clay sediments, dated from 66 to 72 Mya (latest Maastrichtian, Upper Cretaceous, [Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources of Jiangxi Province, 1984](#)). Petrographic observation on sediments of the Late Cretaceous Nanxiong Formation indicates an arid to semi-arid climate in southern China during latest Maastrichtian period ([Wang et al., 2015](#)). [He, Huang & Li \(2017\)](#) suggested that the dinosaur egg-bearing Nanxiong Formation in the Ganzhou Basin formed in a middle to distal region of an alluvial fan based on the gravel and planar cross beds. All dinosaur egg clutches or skeleton are well-preserved, indicating that the fossils in the Ganzhou Basin were not, or only shortly, transported by the water currents.

The Nanxiong Formation yields a great number of oviraptorid dinosaurs, including *Heyuannia huangi* ([Lü, 2002](#)), *Shixinggia oblita* ([Lü & Zhang, 2005](#)), *Banji long* ([Xu & Han, 2010](#)), *Ganzhousaurus nankangensis* ([Wang et al., 2013b](#)), *Nankangia jiangxiensis* ([Lü et al., 2013b](#)), *Jiangxisaurus ganzhouensis* ([Wei et al., 2013](#)), *Huanansaurus ganzhouensis* ([Lü et al., 2015](#)), *Tongtianlong limosus* ([Lü et al., 2016](#)), and *Corythoraptor jacobsi* ([Lü et al., 2017](#)). Besides, five embryo-containing eggs ([Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)) and the oviraptorid pelvis with a pair of eggs ([Sato et al., 2005](#)) were also discovered in the same group.

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5-3 Material and Methods

We re-examined specimen IVPP V9608 (Figure 5-3; [Dong & Currie, 1996](#)) and compared it with IGM 100/979 (Figure 5-2; [Norell et al., 1995](#)). As noted, IVPP V9608 was discovered from the Djadokhta Formation in Bayan Mandahu, Inner Mongolia, China ([Dong & Currie, 1996](#)). It can be divided into two parts: a partial skeleton and an uncompleted clutch of six eggs. The partial skeleton is composed of vertebrae, the pectoral girdle, the right forelimb, and the right hind limb. Before preparation, [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) observed that the oviraptorid skeleton was lying atop the clutch. We also recorded the clutch sizes of other “brooding” specimens reported in previous studies (Table 5-1; [Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)).

Five remarkable complete clutches from the comprehensive collections housed at DM (2014-P0154), HGM (41H-V0074) and PFMM (0014002972, 0014003019, 0010404392) are included in this study for comparison with the clutches associated with “brooding” adults (Figure 5-2 & Figure 5-3). All of the five clutches were collected from the Upper Cretaceous Nanxiong Formation of Hongcheng Basin near the city of Ganzhou, in the southern Jiangxi Province, China, the same locality where the gravid oviraptorosaur was discovered and reported in 2005 ([Sato et al., 2005](#)). The DM and PFMM specimens were prepared by technicians of PFMM and Dr. Y.-N. Cheng of the NMNS, and the HGM specimen was prepared by technicians of the HGM (Figure 5-11; Table 5-2). All clutches were prepared from the field top as they were found in the field; however, no sedimentological evidence is available for direct interpretation of clutch architecture. The five clutches were chosen because the eggs in these clutches are well preserved and only slightly compacted. The nearly round egg cross sections indicate that these clutches still retain their original shape and arrangement (Figure 5-11) and were not affected much by sediment compaction which would have altered their cross section to an elliptical shape.

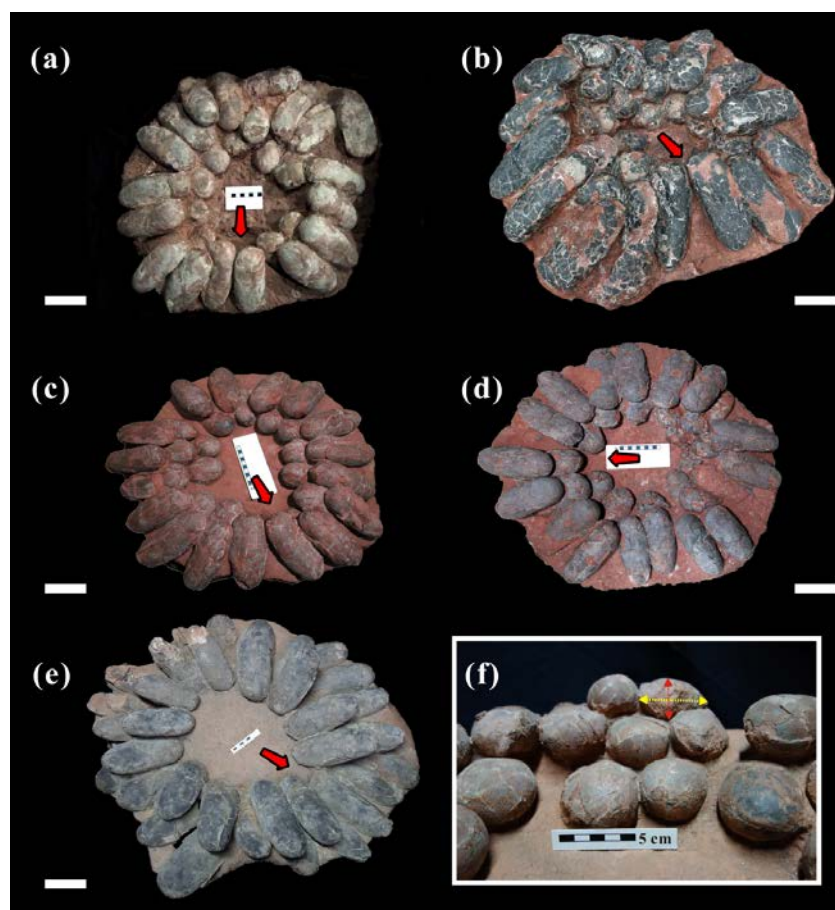


Figure 5-11 The complete oviraptorid clutches used in this study. All eggs are arranged in pairs with their blunt ends pointing towards the clutch center devoid of eggs. (A) Top view of specimen HGM-41H-V0074, a complete oviraptorid clutch with 30 eggs arranged in three superimposed rings. Two isolated eggs in the upper right might be pushed away from the uppermost ring before the burial. The vacant center is 266 mm by 213 mm. (B) Top view of specimen DM-2014-P0154, a complete oviraptorid clutch with 31 eggs arranged in four superimposed rings. The odd egg number might result from insufficient calcium supply to the female. The vacant center is comparatively smaller than in the other specimens studied, measuring only 133 mm by 105 mm. (C) Top view of specimen PFMM-0014002972, a complete oviraptorid clutch with 32 eggs arranged in three superimposed rings. The vacant center is 240 mm by 135 mm. (D) Top view of specimen PFMM-0014004392, a complete oviraptorid clutch with 32 eggs arranged in three superimposed rings. The vacant center is 200 mm by 186 mm. (E) Bottom view of specimen PFMM-0014003019, a complete oviraptorid clutch with 35 eggs arranged in three superimposed rings. The vacant center is 293 mm by 280 mm, which is the largest opening among the specimens described in this study. (F) Detail of the lateral view from the center of the PFMM-0014002972 specimen. Three rings of eggs are separated by thin layers of sediments. The longer axis (46 mm) is represented by a yellow dashed line, while the shorter axis (24 mm) is represented by the red dashed line. Red arrows in (A)-(E) point to the opening in the lowermost ring. Scale bars of (A)-(E): 10 cm.

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Table 5-2 Specimen number, clutch size, size of the vacant center, number of rings, locality and repository information, and stratigraphic horizon of the complete clutches described in this study. I: innermost ring; II: second ring.

Catalogue number	Clutch size	Ring No.	Size of vacant center (cm by cm)	Number of rings	Locality	Repository	Stratigraphic horizon	Prepared by
HGM-41H-V0074	30	I	26.6 by 21.3	3		HGM		Technicians of HGM
		II	39 by 32.5					
DM-2014-P0154	31	I	13.3 by 10.5	4		DM		Dr. Yen-Nien Cheng of NMNS
		II	27.5 by 20					
PFMM-0014002972	32	I	24 by 13.5	3	Ganzhou, Jiangxi, China	PFMM	Nanxiong Formation	Technicians of PFMM
		II	32.5 by 27.5					
PFMM-0014004392	32	I	20 by 18.6	3		PFMM		Technicians of PFMM
		II	30.5 by 30					
PFMM-0014003019	35	I	39.3 by 28	3		PFMM		Technicians of PFMM
		II	35 by 32.5					

To reconstruct the original nesting structure, and potential diagenetic displacement of clutches, we studied the spatial arrangement of the clutches (both with and without associated skeletons) in detail, taking sediment compaction into account. Oviraptorid eggs are generally elongated, with the ratio of long axis to girth exceeding 2.0. Based on the principles of egg formation ([Romanoff & Romanoff, 1949](#)) and supported by a pair of eggs preserved inside the pelvis of an oviraptorosaur which shows circular cross sections perpendicular to egg long axis ([Sato et al., 2005](#)), it is reasonable to assume that the original cross section of the eggs in the clutches was also circular. If we find this circular cross section to have been changed to an ellipse, we have to infer sediment compaction during fossilization as the cause ([Sabath, 1991](#)). Hence, based on the photo taken along the egg inclination from the center of each clutch (the polar view from the blunt end of an egg), we are able to estimate the amount of deformation by examining the shape of egg cross sections (Figure 5-11F & Figure 5-12).

The factor of compaction is deduced by dividing the difference between the length of the major axis of the egg ellipse and the length of the minor axis (as viewed from the blunt end of the egg) by the restored egg diameter (Figure 5-11F & Figure 5-12).

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Factor of compaction =

$$\frac{(\text{Length of major axis of egg ellipse} - \text{Length of minor axis of egg ellipse})}{(\text{Sum of lengths of major and minor axes})/2} \quad (1)$$

Thus, we are able to reconstruct the original inclination of an egg by multiplying the measured angle of inclination with the factor of compaction (Figure 5-12; [Sabath, 1991](#)). Combined with the measured angle of inclination for the eggs in the different rings, we used the factor of compaction to geometrically reconstruct the original angle of inclination of the long axis of the eggs towards the center of the clutch (Figure 5-12; [Sabath, 1991](#)). Furthermore, to elucidate the clutch architecture, we measured the long axis and short axis of the egg rings (Table 5-2). Since the outermost ring of the studied clutches is not a complete circle, we measured only the ring size of the innermost ring (I) and second ring (II) (Table 5-2).

To access the developmental stage of the eggs of the sitting specimens, we sampled the eggshell from the IVPP V9608 specimen in order to produce a petrographic thin section with Isomet 4000 at the Steinmann Institute of University of Bonn. The eggshell thin sections were examined with a Leica DMLP Polarizing Microscope. Polarized light images were acquired with a Leica DFC420 camera by using the Leica ImageAccess EasyLab 7 software. The calcium of the eggshell is a predominant resource for eggshell formation so that the eggshell is absorbed from the innermost eggshell during embryogenesis, which provides information on the developmental stage of the eggs ([Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)).

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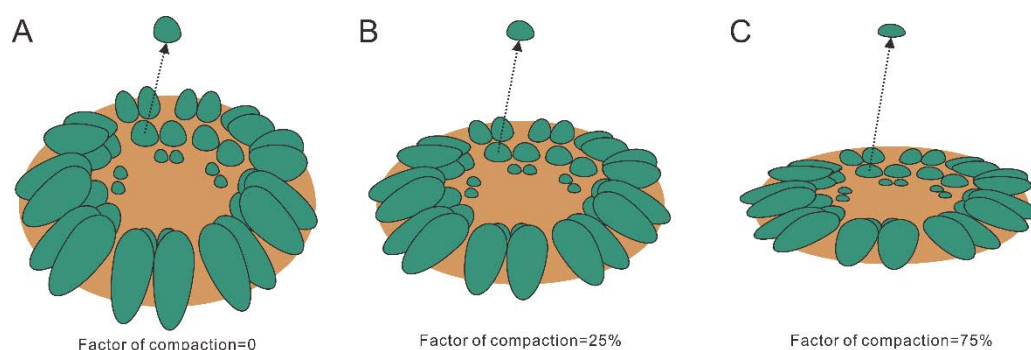


Figure 5-12 A schematic illustration of an oviraptorid clutch under different levels of compaction. (A) Original configuration of an oviraptorid clutch. (B) The configuration of an oviraptorid clutch by a compaction factor of 25%. (C) The configuration of an oviraptorid clutch by a compaction factor of 50%. Note that the change of inclining angle and shape of the eggs.

5-4 Results

Based on the surficial ornamentation of eggshells sampled from each clutch and microstructural characters ([Zhao, 1975](#)), we assigned all eggs to *Macroolithus yaotunensis*, which is laid by *Heyuannia huangi* ([Cheng et al., 2008](#)). The *H. huangi* eggs are characterized by a two-layered eggshell, an undulating boundary separating mammillary and prismatic layers, and linearituberculate surficial ornamentation ([Zhao, 1975](#)).

In the new *H. huangi* clutches, clutch size varies from 30 to 35 eggs, which are arranged in three superimposed rings (Figure 5-11A-E; Table 5-2). None of the eggs in any of the complete clutches was hatched as evidenced by the lack of a hatching window. The clutch size of *H. huangi* clutches is significantly greater than that of the adult-associated clutches assignable to *Oviraptor philoceratops*, *Citipati osmolskae*, cf. *Machairasaurus*, *Nemegtomaia barsboldi* (Table 5-1 & Table 5-2; [Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)).

The eggs in a clutch were arranged in pairs with their blunt ends pointing to the center devoid of eggs, and stacked in two to four concentric, nearly circular to elliptic rings with sediment in between (Figure 5-11F). Since the vacant center are an ellipse rather than a perfect circle, we express the size of the vacant center by using the short and long axes that fit the proximal and distal points of the eggs. The lowermost, or innermost, ring has the smallest diameter and the lowest number of eggs, and both parameters increase towards the top of the clutch. Twenty-eight eggs are visible in specimen HGM-41H-V0074; however, two eggs in the innermost ring were left

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unexposed in order to not remove the eggs of the second ring. Two eggs are slightly offset from the rings, but still overlap with eggs of the second ring (Figure 5-11A). The innermost ring contains twelve eggs and covers an area of 26.6 cm by 20.0 cm, while the second ring has 16 eggs and covers 39.0 cm by 32.5 cm (Table 5-2). The inclination angle of the eggs ranges approximately from 27° to 33° (Table 5-2).

Specimen DM-2014-P0154 has the smallest ring size among the studied egg clutches (Figure 5-11B; Table 5-2). The innermost ring has eight eggs and covers an area of 13.3 cm by 10.5 cm, and the second ring sizes to 27.5 cm by 20.0 cm with 13 eggs (Figure 5-11B; Table 5-2). Both the third (four eggs) and fourth rings (six eggs) do not form a complete ring, being restricted to one side of the clutch; hence, no ring size can be measured (Figure 5-11B). The ratio of the area of the second ring to that of the innermost ring is 3.93, which is higher than in all the other clutches. Specimen DM-2014-P0154 also has the highest inclination angle among the studied clutches, ranging from 35° to 40° (Figure 5-11B). The egg inclination angle in specimen DM-2014-P0154 might be close to the original angle since the egg shape, when viewed from the blunt pole, is nearly circular (Figure 5-11B).

Specimen PFMM-0014002972 has 32 eggs arranged in three rings (Figure 5-11C; Table 5-2). The innermost ring (ten eggs) and second ring (16 eggs) cover an area of 24 cm by 13.5 cm and 32.5 cm by 30 cm, respectively (Figure 5-11C; Table 5-2). The inclination angle of the eggs ranges from 25° to 30°. We also measured the long and short axes of the egg cross section from the view of the blunt pole, which are 4.6 and 2.4 cm, respectively. The factor of compaction is hence 31.4%. It is estimated that the original diameter would have been around 3.5 cm. Hence, the original inclination angle would have been approximately 37° to 44°.

Specimen PFMM-0014004392 has 32 eggs; ten eggs in the innermost ring and 18 eggs in the second ring. The third ring is composed of two separate pairs of eggs (Figure 5-11D; Table 5-2). The ring size varies from 20 cm by 18.6 cm in the innermost ring to 30.5 cm by 30.0 cm in the second ring (Figure 5-11D; Table 5-2). The maximum distance between two pairs of eggs of the outermost ring is 39.0 cm (Figure 5-11D). The measured inclination angle of the eggs ranges from 28° to 35°.

Specimen PFMM-0014003019 was prepared from field bottom. It has 35 eggs arranged in three rings (Figure 5-11E). The innermost ring has five pairs of eggs with a

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size of 29.3 cm by 28.0 cm, and the second ring has nine pairs with a size of 35.0 cm by 32.5 cm (Table 5-2). The third ring has seven eggs distributed predominantly at the upper left side (Figure 5-1 I E). The measured inclination angle of the eggs ranges from 30°~34°.

To conclude, the innermost ring size of the five complete clutches ranges from 13.3 cm by 10.5 cm to 29.3 cm by 28 cm, and the second ring ranges from 27.5 cm by 20.0 cm to 35.0 cm by 32.5 cm (Table 5-2). The eggs of a clutch have similar inclination angles towards the center of the clutch (Figure 5-1 I). The average measured inclination angle is 30°~35° from the horizontal. The vertical distance between the highest and lowest ring ranges from eight to ten cm (Figure 5-1 I F). The lower egg ring in all of the complete clutches in this study has a gap devoid of eggs (Figure 5-1 I A-E). Some gaps are wider than the width of a pair of eggs; for instance, the gap in HGM-41H-V0074 is around eleven cm and could have accommodated another pair of eggs (Figure 5-1 I A). However, the gaps in the other specimens are smaller than the width of a pair of eggs (Figure 5-1 I B-E).

5-5 Discussion

5-5-1 Clutch Size

The clutch size of oviraptorids was poorly documented regardless of abundant discoveries of oviraptorid clutches. The adult-associated clutches, which were discovered from the Gobi Desert, yield various numbers of clutch size spanning from 6 to 22 ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)), or even an estimation of 30 ([Varricchio et al., 2008](#)). The new *H. huangi* clutches from southern China described in this study, however, have a clutch size beyond 30, significantly larger than the adult-associated clutches. The difference in clutch size between the adult-associated and new *H. huangi* clutches is basically because: 1) clutch size decreases with body size, 2) clutch size increase with latitudes, 3) the clutches from the Gobi Desert were not completed, or 4) they were simply laid by different species. However, *O. philoceratops* from the Gobi Desert and *H. huangi* from South China have a similar estimated body mass (39 vs. 42.4 kg, see the supplement of [Varricchio et al., 2008](#) and [Lü, 2002](#)) but differ significantly in clutch size (6 vs. 30-35, see Dong and Currie and Table 2), thus precluding the first and

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second hypothesis. The third hypothesis was briefly mentioned by [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#), though was not further discussed later. The significantly smaller clutch size of the adult-associated clutches also leads to the suggestion that the clutch-associated adults were in the period of, or short after, an oviposition. However, the third hypothesis is only persuasive if the interspecific variation (the fourth hypothesis) in clutch size is precluded, which is not feasible at the current stage. Therefore, in the later discussion, we will put emphasis on the evidence arising from the new *H. huangi* clutches and their implication for oviraptorid nesting biology.

5-5-2 Pairing, Highly-Organized Clutch Arrangement of Oviraptorids

One of the very first studies of oviraptorid clutches suggested a spirally arranged arrangement of oviraptorid clutches ([Sabath, 1991](#)). However, the highly organized, paired arrangement shows that the eggs in an *H. huangi* clutch do not interlace and thus precludes the possibility of a spirally arranged clutch. The paired arrangement in oviraptor clutches implies monoautochronic ovulation, which means oviraptors had two functional oviducts, each producing one egg per oviposition. Monoautochronic ovulation was first proposed by [Varricchio et al. \(1997\)](#) and was supported by ([Sato et al., 2005](#)). [Grellet-Tinner et al. \(2006\)](#) doubted that the pairing in *Troodon* clutches is significant, and this question also applies to oviraptor clutches. However, the paired arrangement is unequivocal both from the top view and from the bottom view (Figure 5-11). Based on retention of the original paired arrangement, it was suggested that oviraptorid eggs had no chalazae since they were not manipulated after being laid, similar to *Troodon* eggs ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2003](#); [Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)). An air cell presumably was not present in an oviraptorid egg, either, because the erosion on the innermost layer of the eggshell was approximately equal in different parts of an embryo-containing egg ([Yang, Cheng & Yang, 2011](#); [Yang et al., 2015](#)).

As pointed out by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) and [Zelenitsky \(2006\)](#), *Troodon* clutches show a highly-organized arrangement which is comparable to that of an oviraptorid clutch. The highly-organized arrangement is not observable in extant avian clutches, which implies that the nesting strategy of oviraptorid dinosaurs was unique. A review by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) proposed five stages in the evolution of reproduction from basal theropods to neornithines, namely (1) pre-maniraptoran

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theropods, (2) oviraptor-grade maniraptorans, (3) troodontid-grade paravians, (4) Enantiornithes, and (5) basal Neornithes. The highly-organized and paired arrangement are only present in the oviraptor-grade maniraptorans and troodontid-grade paravians. It should be noted that the troodontid eggs are nearly vertically arranged, which is much steeper than the 35° to 40° of oviraptorid eggs. This difference in the inclination angle makes oviraptorid reproduction even more peculiar.

Notable, some seemingly complete oviraptorid clutches have an odd number of eggs in the clutch, for instance specimen DM-2014-P0154 (Figure 5-11B). Assuming dual oviducts, an oviraptorid clutch should always comprise an even number of eggs. The first possible explanation is that an oviraptorid dinosaur might lay only one egg because of insufficient calcium supply. Second, it is also possible that the oviraptorid dinosaur pushed some eggs out of the nest in order to save the remaining eggs from predators, as ostriches do ([Bertram, 1992a](#)). Specimen HGM-41H-V0074 supports the second hypothesis, since two eggs are notably further away from the clutch center than the remaining eggs (Figure 4A).

The gap devoid of eggs can be explained by two hypotheses: (1) The gap is the female's exit after completion of oviposition; (2) the gap is simply a larger space between two pairs of eggs. [Sato et al. \(2005\)](#) suggested that the females came to the centers of the nests to lay neat, multilayered, ring-shaped clutches. Hence, oviraptorid dinosaurs should be similar to those of ostriches or chickens, which leave the nest after each oviposition. The highly organized clutch shows no trace of manipulation. To leave the nest without destroying the highly organized clutch, the female might have to leave a gap as an exit. The "exit" hypothesis is to be tested since no tracks were discovered in the studied clutches. However, based on the reconstruction of *Heyuannia huangi*, the mother of *Macroolithus* eggs in our studied clutches, the female should have been able to leave the clutch with one step. Besides, our measurement shows that most of the gaps cannot accommodate another pair of eggs, making the second hypothesis more feasible.

5-5-3 A Mound Nest Architecture

As reviewed above, previous studies had suggested that the oviraptorid dinosaur laid eggs in a pit ([Norell et al., 1995](#)), on an open mound ([Dong & Currie, 1996](#)), in a covered mound ([Deeming, 2002a](#); [Deeming, 2006](#)), or in a partially open mound ([Martin](#)

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[& Simmons, 1995](#); [Carpenter, 1999b](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#)). However, none of these reconstructions included all available evidence and observations. Our estimation of the inclination of eggs in an oviraptorid clutch of 35° to 40° supports the idea that oviraptors built a nesting mound. Porosity distribution suggests a partially open nest, supported by the presence of shell pigmentation, with the blunt ends end of the eggs exposed to the air.

Combining these facts, including the nest type, shell porosity data, shell pigmentation, and geometry of an oviraptorid clutch, we suggest that the eggs were laid leaning on the flanks around a mound. After finishing the first (or innermost) ring, the female partially covered the first ring of eggs with soil before continuing with the second ring of eggs. Finally, all blunt ends of the eggs were exposed to the air, while the acute ends were buried in soil or sediment, as suggested by shell porosity data and pigmented eggshells ([Wiemann et al., 2015](#); [Yang et al., 2015](#)).

Mound-building in megapodes is considered as an apomorphic character since megapodes are a monophyletic group of galliform birds ([Hansell, 2000](#)). However, megapodes bury all eggs in the mound without exposing them to the air, which is different to the nest architecture we proposed for the oviraptorid dinosaurs. Among dinosaurs, only troodontid nests are analogous to oviraptorid nests in the aspects of paired arrangement and a center devoid of eggs. Low porosity and water vapor conductance values also suggest that troodontids built open or partially open nests ([Varricchio et al., 2013](#)). However, troodontid nests differ from oviraptorid nests predominantly in the much steeper inclination angle of eggs in the clutch. Although troodontid eggs share several physical features with extant avian eggs, such as an unornamented and tri-layered eggshell and an asymmetrical egg shape, both troodontid and oviraptorid nest architectures are so bizarre that no extant analogue exists.

5-5-4 A Reevaluation of Adult-Associated Oviraptor Clutches

Four hypotheses have been proposed for explaining the peculiar oviraptorid adult-associated clutch specimens: (1) egg stealing, (2) brooding/TCI, (3) protection, and (4) egg laying, as reviewed in the introduction. Although the hypothesis of brooding/TCI is now commonly accepted, criticism has been offered from the perspectives of biology and ornithology. For instance, [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) argued that the heat transfer from the

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adult to the eggs in the lower rings would have been insufficient for incubation. The author also pointed out that it was unlikely that the adult sat on the clutch without disturbing the arrangement of the eggs if the eggs were laid exposed on a mound. However, [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) did not provide an alternative hypothesis to explain the adult-associated specimens. In [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#)'s discussion, the term "brooding" refers only to the behavior of sitting on nests. They mentioned pythons as an example of an extant ectodermic brooding animal to imply that brooding behavior is not necessarily related to thermoregulatory incubation. However, they also suggested that brooding behavior is associated with thermoregulatory incubation, thus obscuring the definite difference between brooding and TCI behaviors, as we clarified in the introduction. Thus, in the following discussion, we put emphasis on reevaluating the TCI hypothesis based on reviewing previous arguments and evidence arising from this study in various aspects.

Based on our re-examinations of the IVPP and IGM specimens and the comparison with complete clutches, we concur with [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) in that it appears unlikely that the oviraptorid skeleton-clutch associations represent TCI behavior. By definition, the act of incubation comprises an adult's behavior of sitting atop its eggs with direct body-egg contact to transfer body heat from the adult to the eggs. The multi-ring clutch prevents sufficient heat transfer to the lower rings of eggs, as already noted by [Deeming \(2002a\)](#). Another possibility is that the oviraptorid eggs employed convection in the albumen to enhance heat transfer, with the acute ends being insulated in sediment [van Brecht et al. \(2005\)](#). Nevertheless, this hypothesis is refuted by the high inclination angle of the eggs in *H. huangi* clutches. The steep angle of the eggs arranged in the nest also makes it unlikely that the parent sat atop to incubate them. This is because the contact surface between any one egg in the clutch and the warm parent body might have been rather small and insufficient for incubation by body heat. A multidimensional heat transfer model also showed that the heat transfer is more efficient in horizontal component than in vertical component [Turner \(2002\)](#), which explained why birds arrange their eggs at a gentle angle to the ground, enlarging the body-egg-contact.

Another evidence that contradicts the TCI hypothesis, in the aspect of clutch arrangement, is the center devoid of eggs. Incubation behavior as a peculiar avian trait is always associated with a brood patch. The brood patch is a feather-less region in an

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incubating bird's belly, allowing for efficient heat transfer to the incubated eggs. The interpretation of incubating oviraptors is inconsistent with the clutch center devoid of eggs right where the brooding patch would have been. A incubating bird keeps its eggs close to its body (brooding patch) by building a nest as small as possible, allowing for efficient heat transfer and equal covering of the eggs. [Hopp & Orsen \(2004\)](#) suggested that the supposed incubating oviraptorids used their feathered wings to cover the whole clutch. Nevertheless, the skeletal reconstruction by [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) showed that *Nemegtomaia* could not cover the whole clutch. Our re-examination of the specimen IVPPV9608 also shows that the eggs are not completely covered by the sitting adult's forelimb.

Furthermore, in a modern avian paternal care system such as ostriches ([Bertram, 1992a](#)), the male came to start incubating after the clutch is completed and thus all eggs hatch synchronously. Therefore, if oviraptor males did incubate the clutch, as suggested by [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#), all eggs would have hatched synchronously. Thus, the hatching asynchrony in oviraptors suggested by [Weishampel et al. \(2008\)](#) either supports or precludes the TCI hypothesis. If the hatching asynchrony in oviraptorids is a result of the initiation of TCI in the onset of clutch completion, as like in bi-parental birds, the TCI hypothesis is a reasonable implication. However, since [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#)'s surmise implied a similar mating system of oviraptors to modern paternal caring birds, the TCI in oviraptors would have begun after clutch completion, which contradicts to the observation of hatching asynchrony in oviraptors.

Isotope geochemical research potentially contributes to resolve the argument of the TCI hypothesis. [Eagle et al. \(2015\)](#) determined body temperature of oviraptor females during periods of ovulation based on the clumped isotope analysis of eggshells. Their result showed a significantly lower body temperature of oviraptors than of modern birds, implying that oviraptors had a thermoregulatory mode unanalogous to modern birds. In contrast, a recent study suggested that oviraptors incubated their eggs within a 35-40 range that is similar to modern birds, thus concurring with the occurrences of adult-associated clutches ([Amiot et al., 2017](#)). However, [Amiot et al. \(2017\)](#)'s speculation was based on the assumption that the analyzed eggshell preserves their original in vivo oxygen isotope composition. These isotopic geochemical studies thus indicate the uncertainty in elucidating dinosaur physiology.

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The body temperature of incubating females, or the incubation temperature play a critical role in archosaur embryo development. The embryos of extant incubating birds (virtually all birds except Megapodidae) show an increased developmental rate after the adult starts incubating ([Chaiseha & El Halawani, 2015](#)); embryo development is inhibited when external heat provided by incubation is lacking. However, no embryonic remains have so far been reported from the eggs of any of the adult-associated clutches ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)) despite many of the eggs reveal their inside in fractures. Furthermore, the inside of the eggshell of eggs from adult-associated clutches shows no erosion (fig. 2 of [Norell et al., 1995](#) and Figure 5-3D), indicating that at least development of the embryos had not commenced yet at the time of death or the embryos were at an early stage of development. This contrasts with the common occurrence of *in ovo* oviraptor embryos that are not associated with adults ([Norell et al., 1994](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)). [Norell et al. \(2018\)](#) re-examined the first oviraptorid adult-associated clutch (AMNH FARB 6508 and 6517, [Osborn, 1924](#)) and reported remains of a juvenile oviraptorid (AMNH FARB 33092) that are associated within the adult-associated clutch; however, it is uncertain if the juvenile oviraptorid hatched from the clutch. Eggshell sampling from the egg clutch (AMNH FARB 6508) would possibly indicate if the eggs are in the stage of hatching.

Therefore, to briefly conclude, the TCI hypothesis appears questionable based on all available evidence. If the clutch-associated adults were not incubating their clutch, their brooding (sitting) posture might correspond to protection, pre-oviposition, the process of an oviposition, or post-oviposition. Since there is no evidence of eggs inside the clutch-associated adults, it is unlikely that the clutch-associated adults were during, or before, an oviposition. In the following discussion, we would like to present the speculation on the basis of the comparison of clutch size and embryo development to support the hypothesis of egg laying.

5-5-5 Scenario of a Laying Oviraptorid

Compared to the five new *H. huangi* clutches, each of which contains more than 15 pairs of eggs arranged in multiple superimposed elliptical rings (Figure 5-11A-E), the oviraptorid adult-associated clutches appear uncompleted if these clutch-associated

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would have produced similar amount of eggs. If this uncompletedness is not due to incomplete recovery of the fossil (which is unlikely given the fact that in all five known “brooding” specimens the clutches are incomplete) or interspecific variation of fecundity, it would suggest that the female had not completed laying her eggs when she died. [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) suggested that oviraptor clutches were completed by several females mating with the same male, i.e., polygamy behavior. Our study shows that an oviraptorid clutch has more than 15 pairs of eggs. Hence, it is intriguing to speculate how an oviraptorid clutch was completed by several females. Two possible modes are suggested based on the clutch arrangement. (1) The dominant female came to lay the first pair of eggs, and another female laid the second pair, and so on until there was no more space left in the first ring. Then the first ring of eggs was covered up for laying the second ring of eggs. This mode is similar to that observed in ostriches ([Bertram, 1992b](#)). (2) The first (or dominant) female came to lay and cover the first ring of eggs. Afterwards, another female came to the same nest to lay and cover the second ring of eggs, and so on. However, if we assume the laying period of an oviraptor to have been similar to that of an ostrich, which is one egg (a pair of eggs for oviraptorids) every other day, a 15-pair clutch would take “at most” 15 days to complete in mode I, but more than 30 days in mode II where only two females are involved, suggesting the first mode as the more likely one.

Finally, we offer a scenario of how oviraptorid dinosaurs laid eggs. The female chose a site and piled up a mound of soil or sediment and then sat on the center of the mound to oviposit. After laying the first ring of eggs, the female covered this layer with the blunt ends of the eggs exposed to the air, and then continued to lay the second and third ring of eggs. The adult-associated clutches represent animals that died atop their clutch, possibly while resting, before completing the clutch. Death may have been caused by a sandstorm that buried the adult and the uncompleted clutch all of a sudden.

5-5-6 Nest Architecture and Clutch Arrangement of Oviraptorosaurs

Caenagnathid and oviraptorid dinosaurs constitute the theropod clade Oviraptorosaur. The reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs were more extensively explored based on the gravid specimen, adult-associated clutches, and embryo-containing eggs ([Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Sato et al.,](#)

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[2005](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). Recently, the Baby Louie, a large caenagnathid oviraptorosaur *Beibeilong sinensis* embryo, was described detailed and connected to *Macroelongatoolithus xixiaensis* ([Pu et al., 2017](#)). The caenagnathid clutch is also composed of two or more rings of eggs with the blunt ends pointing to the center, as their sister group oviraptorids did. Hence, it is very likely that the conclusion from this study also applies to caenagnathid clutches, which makes the peculiar clutch arrangement as an apomorphic character of oviraptorosaurs.

5-6 Conclusion

As reviewed by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#), oviraptor-grade maniraptorans represent one of five evolutionary stages of reproduction from basal theropod dinosaurs to neornithines. The reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs is therefore crucial for further understanding the evolution of reproduction from dinosaurs to birds. Although there were thousands of oviraptorid clutches discovered in China and Mongolia, no studies ever completely investigated the clutch arrangement and described the configuration of an oviraptorid clutch. Our study describes oviraptorid clutch arrangement in detail, hopefully correcting previous flaws and aiding in future studies. We conclude that a complete oviraptorid nest shows the following features: (1) a mound with the slope inclination 35° to 40° on which the eggs were leaning; (2) the eggs are highly organized and arranged in pairs in three to four elliptical rings with sediments interbedded in between; (3) a center devoid of eggs and an egg number increase towards the top; (4) the eggs were pigmented and partially exposed to the air. We note that oviraptorid dinosaur clutches, or even all oviraptorosaur clutches, are so peculiar that it might represent an apomorphic nesting trait deviating greatly from the strategies characterizing the bird stem line.

Our study also deduces the extinct reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs, based on detailed inspection of previously reported adult-associated clutches and newly described *H. huangi* clutches. Our observations support the hypothesis that the clutch-associated adults were actually resting after laying instead of incubating.

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ABSTRACT

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Dinosaur eggs with embryos inside have been discovered in several localities around the world and provide insights into dinosaur reproductive biology and breeding ecology. Most of the known embryo-containing eggs can be referred to oviraptorid theropods. However, most of these eggs cannot be associated with a specific clutch, and only one partial, poorly preserved embryo-bearing oviraptorid clutch has been reported, stemming from the Late Cretaceous Nemegt Formation of Mongolia. Here we report another partial, but better preserved oviraptorid clutch consisting of three embryo-containing eggs, a pair and a single one, from the Late Cretaceous Nanxiong Formation near Ganzhou in Jiangxi Province, southern China. These embryo-bearing eggs are distinct from those of the Mongolian clutch and are assigned to the oospecies *Macroolithus yaotunensis* based on the external ornamentation and internal microstructure of the eggshells. Osteological and eggshell histological analyses reveal that the two embryos in the paired eggs were closer to hatching than the one in the single egg, indicating an asynchronous hatching mode in oviraptorid dinosaurs. This new clutch, together with the Mongolian clutch, suggests that asynchronous hatching might be a general feature of oviraptorid dinosaurs and represent the earliest record of hatching asynchrony. Furthermore, the cranial part of one of the paired embryos sits near the blunt end pointing toward where the center of the clutch would have been. This observation thus concurs with our previous reconstruction of a partially open oviraptorid clutch

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(Chapter 5). The uncovered blunt end of an egg would have been the only exit for embryo hatching. The combination of the new evidence arising from this study and previously published evidence from egg coloration, partially open clutches, polygamy behavior, communal nesting behavior, and the absence of contact incubation, we infer a peculiar, unique reproductive biology in oviraptorids. The nesting strategy of oviraptorid dinosaurs lacks a modern analogue, highlighting the limitations of the actualistic approach and the need for more rigorous analysis of all available evidence.

6-1 Introduction

6-1-1 Hatching Asynchrony in Reptiles, Birds, and Dinosaurs

Hatching asynchrony occurs in birds when incubation of the eggs commences before the whole clutch is finished (Figure 6-1). In complete synchrony, incubation begins after the clutch is finished and all eggs hatch at the same time. However, in complete asynchrony, incubation begins when the first egg is laid, and all eggs hatch gradually over a period of time. Some birds show partial synchrony (or partial asynchrony), in which incubation begins after several ovipositions. Non-avian reptile eggs hatch synchronously because they are laid *en masse* and develop simultaneously. A study discovered inter-embryo communication between siblings in the same turtle clutch, coordinating the pace of their development and then hatching together (McGlashan, Spencer & Old, 2012). This mechanism was also observed in snakes (Aubret et al., 2016). Albeit speculative, this mechanism probably also existed in those dinosaurs that laid the whole clutch simultaneously and buried their eggs without incubation and parental care, such as the basal sauropodomorph *Massospondylus* (Reisz et al., 2012), sauropods (Chiappe et al., 1998; Sander et al., 2008), hadrosaurs (Horner, 1999), and therizinosaur (Kobayashi et al., 2013).

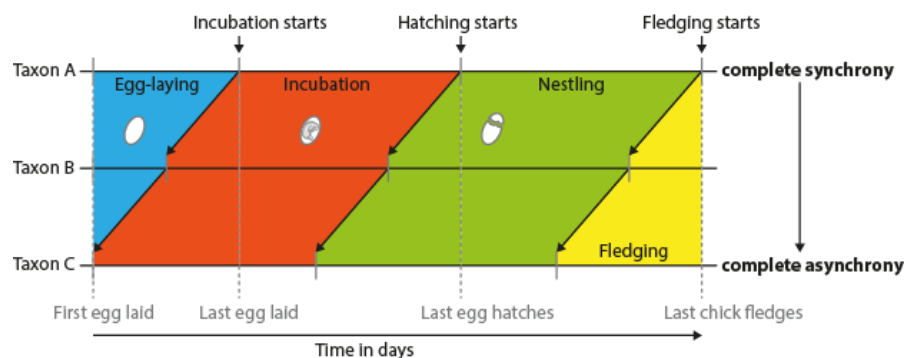


Figure 6-1 A schematic illustration of the four nest stages following the Hussell (1985) model of hatching asynchrony. In complete synchrony, incubation begins after the clutch is finished and all embryos hatch and all chicks fledge at one time. However, in complete asynchrony, incubation begins when the first egg is laid, and embryos hatch and chicks fledge gradually over a period of time. Some birds show partial synchrony (or partial asynchrony), in which incubation begins after several ovipositions and the fledging period is correspondingly intermediate. Modified from Lee & Lima (2016).

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Among non-avian dinosaurs, titanosaurs, oviraptorosaurs, and troodontids yield the most abundant fossil record of eggs and embryos (Figure 6-2) ([Norell et al., 1994](#); [Varricchio et al., 1997](#); [Chiappe et al., 1998](#); [Varricchio, Jackson & Trueman, 1999](#); [Chiappe, Salgado & Coria, 2001](#); [Norell, Clark & Chiappe, 2001](#); [Varricchio, Horner & Jackson, 2002](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)). Previous research has suggested that sauropods buried their eggs in the substrate based on shell porosity analysis of sauropod eggs from France, Spain, and India ([Seymour, 1979](#); [Sander et al., 1998](#); [Deeming, 2006](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#)). [Chiappe et al. \(2004\)](#) studied six egg clutches from Auca Mahuevo, Argentina, and interpreted it as an open nest of a sauropod dinosaur based on the assumption of lower porosity of eggshells ([Chiappe et al., 2004](#)). Later, two studies concurred that the Auca Mahuevo titanosaur eggs were incubated in high-humidity conditions ([Grellet-Tinner, Chiappe & Coria, 2004](#); [Grellet-Tinner et al., 2006](#)). However, [Jackson et al. \(2008\)](#) and [Sander et al. \(2008\)](#) demonstrated that the Auca Mahuevo titanosaur eggs have low porosity, thus indicating that these dinosaurs did not bury their eggs (open nesting), again echoing [Chiappe et al. \(2004\)](#)'s interpretation.

[Hechenleitner, Grellet-Tinner & Fiorelli \(2015\)](#) argued against the “open nesting hypothesis” by proposing that titanosaurs adopted mound nesting or burrow nesting. While no fossils similar to the gravid oviraptorosaur [Sato et al. \(2005\)](#) have been reported for sauropods, it is most likely that all sauropods deposited clutches in one event and that all eggs hatched synchronously without incubation by adults based on evidence discovered so far ([Chiappe et al., 2004](#); [Jackson et al., 2008](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#); [Ruxton, Birchard & Deeming, 2014](#)).

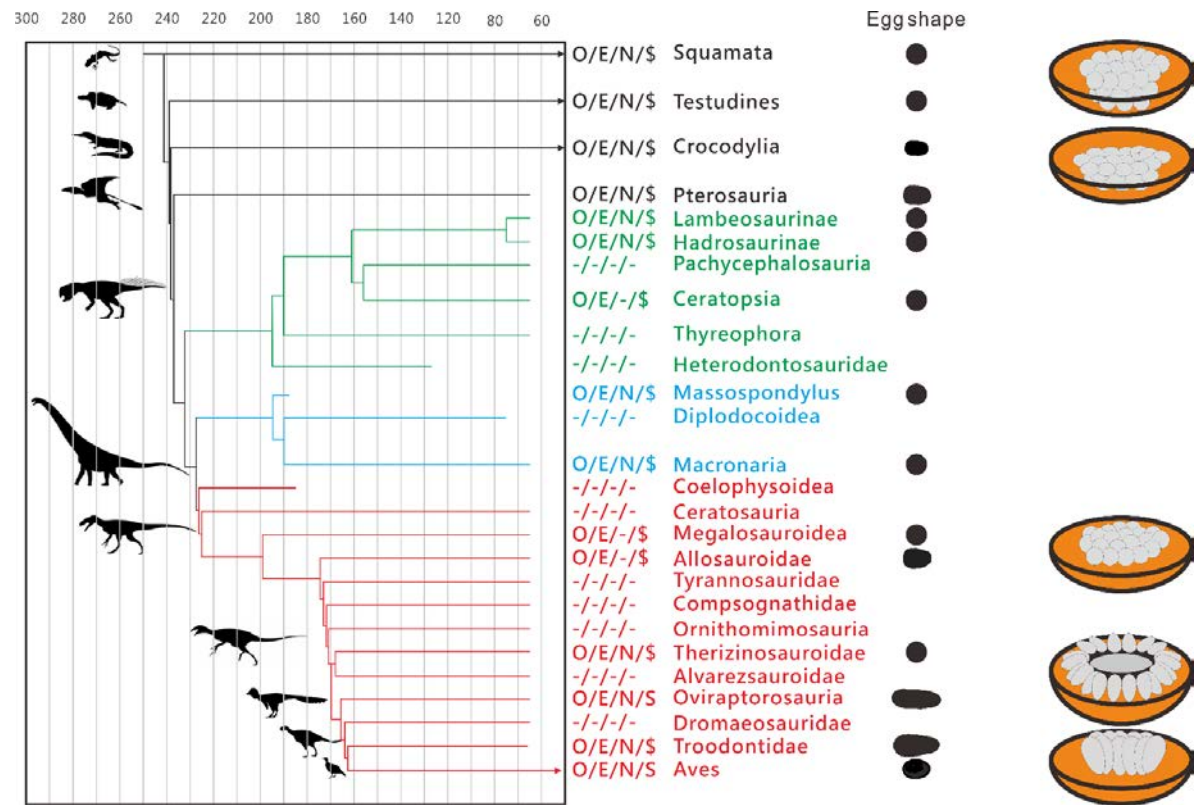


Figure 6-2 Time-calibrated cladogram of reproduction characters in diapsids (modified from [Reisz et al., 2012](#) and [Lee et al., 2014](#)). The annotations next to the cladogram refer to the discoveries of relevant fossil evidence. Abbreviations: O, eggs; E, embryos; N, nests or clutches; S, eggshell surface ornamentation; \$, no surface ornamentation on eggshell; -, no records. The nest type of turtles, crocodiles, therizinosauroids, oviraptorosaurs, and troodontids are also sketched. However, the nest types of most clades among dinosaurs are still uncertain.

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Oviraptorid dinosaurs left behind the most abundant fossil record, providing insights into dinosaur reproduction biology, such as two gravid females ([Sato et al., 2005](#); [He et al., 2012](#)), numerous embryo-containing eggs ([Chiappe et al., 1998](#); [Chiappe, Salgado & Coria, 2001](#); [Norell, Clark & Chiappe, 2001](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)), and several clutch-adult associations ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Bi & Xu, 2017](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). Most oviraptorid embryo-containing eggs were individually made available to scientists without discoveries of siblings from the same clutch. In 2008, four partial eggs with embryonic remains (two of which adhere to each other) from the Nemegt Formation at Bugin-tsav, in the southwestern Gobi Desert of Mongolia, were reported and provided insights into hatching asynchrony in oviraptorid dinosaurs ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)). However, poor preservation precluded attribution of the four embryo-containing eggs to a single clutch. Although [Weishampel et al. \(2008\)](#) claimed that the four eggs were found as an aggregate of fragments in a circular depression, the interpretation that the four embryo-containing eggs were from the same clutch remained controversial because of the absence of evidence for direct associations. Although the study by [Weishampel et al. \(2008\)](#) improved our understanding of the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs, the poor preservation of the material led to uncertainty about hatching asynchrony. Furthermore, the material did not provide further insights into oviraptorosaur reproductive ecology, which will be one of the major focuses in this study.

6-1-2 Identification of the Egg Producer

The assignment of dinosaur eggs to a specific dinosaur clade or species is a longstanding, vexing problem. Since the systematic naming of dinosaur eggs, that is, ootaxonomy, was established by Chinese paleontologist Zikui Zhao of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology ([Zhao, 1975](#)), paleontologists have a common language for exchanging knowledge about dinosaur eggs. Parataxonomy is rooted in the identification of biomineralic patterns such as microstructures, thickness of different crystallite layers, and thickness ratio of the layers to each other. The main problem with this parataxonomy is that similar eggshell microstructures occur in different taxa. Thus, a definitive assignment of an oospecies to a biological dinosaur

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species is only possible based on clutch-adult associations, embryo-containing eggs, or unlaidd eggs inside a female.

Dinosaur embryo fossils inside eggs are known from *Massospondylus carinatus* ([Reisz et al., 2005](#)), titanosaurs ([Chiappe et al., 1998](#)), *Hypacrosaurus stebingeri* ([Erickson et al., 2017](#)), *Protoceratops andrewsi* ([Erickson et al., 2017](#)), *Torvosaurus* sp. ([Araújo et al., 2013](#)), *Lourinhanosaurus antunesis* ([Mateus et al., 1998](#); [de Ricqlès et al., 2001](#)), therizinosaurs ([Kundrát et al., 2008](#)), the caenagnathid *Beibeilong sinensis* ([Pu et al., 2017](#)), oviraptorids such as *Citipati osmolskae* ([Norell et al., 1994](#)) and possibly *Ingenia yanshinii* ([Reisz et al., 2012](#)) and *Heyuannia huangi* ([Cheng et al., 2008](#)), and *Troodon* ([Varricchio, Horner & Jackson, 2002](#)). Oviraptorid embryos are commonly discovered in China and Mongolia. However, incomplete preservation and immature anatomical features of embryos hamper convincing assignment ([Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Shao et al., 2014](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)).

6-1-3 Embryology of Oviraptorids

Individual embryo-containing eggs discovered so far have indeed contributed to our understanding of dinosaur embryology; however, paleontologists have been unable to elucidate the entire developmental sequence of dinosaur embryos in the absence of multiple monotaxic embryos. At the Ukhaa Tolgod site of Mongolia, [Norell et al. \(1994\)](#) discovered a theropod embryo that displays several apomorphies of the Oviraptoridae, possibly *Oviraptor philoceratops*. Later, four oviraptorid embryos from Bugin-Tsav in ovo were reported, potentially indicating the hatching asynchrony of oviraptorids ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)). [Cheng et al. \(2008\)](#) described two oviraptorid embryos (NMNS-0015276-F02-embryo-01 and CM-61) from the Nanxiong Group of Ganzhou Basin, Jiangxi Province, China and assigned them to *Heyuannia huangi* based on eggshell microstructure and geographical affinity to previously described *H. huangi*. [Wang et al. \(2016\)](#) reported three isolated oviraptorid embryo-containing eggs from Nankang District, Ganzhou County, Jiangxi Province, China (IVPP V20182, IVPP V20183, and IVPP V20184). Although the eggshell microstructure supports the assignment to *Heyuannia huangi* (personal communication with Zhang, Shukang), they assigned the embryos Oviraptoridae *incertae sedis* because the embryos did not show autapomorphic features. The study also described 20 osteological features that change substantially during

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ontogeny in oviraptorids. For instance, the distal caudal vertebrae change from unossified in the immature stage to ossified in the mature stage. Moreover, Later, the *Beibeilong sinensis*, one of the best preserved dinosaur embryos, was described, thus providing the first known association between skeletal remains and eggs of caenagnathids ([Pu et al., 2017](#)). These discoveries demonstrated the abundance of oviraptorid, or oviraptorosaurian, embryos in China and Mongolia ([Norell et al., 1994](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Shao et al., 2014](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#); [Pu et al., 2017](#)). Despite many reports of oviraptorid embryonic remains *in ovo*, the position of an oviraptorid embryo *in ovo* is unclear and poorly discussed. In [Norell et al. \(1994\)](#)'s report, the skull of the undisturbed embryo *in ovo* (IGM 100/971) sits near the blunt end, which is represented by the node ornamentation of the eggshell. In [Pu et al. \(2017\)](#), the *Beibeilong* embryo was discovered with another five eggs and the skull of the *Beibeilong* embryo points to the center of the clutch as indicated by the long axes of the other five eggs. However, the pose of an oviraptorid embryo *in ovo* was never discussed in these studies ([Norell et al., 1994](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Shao et al., 2014](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#); [Pu et al., 2017](#)).

6-1-4 Nesting Biology of Oviraptorids

A complete oviraptorid clutch consists of more than 30 eggs arranged in pairs which in turn are arranged in three to four superimposed rings (see Figure 6-3 & Chapter 5). Pairing implies monoautochronic ovulation in oviraptorid dinosaurs, which also was inferred based on an oviraptorosaurian pelvis with a pair of eggs inside ([Sato et al., 2005](#)). The paired eggs in an oviraptorosaur pelvis and paired arrangement in oviraptorid clutch preclude post-laying parental manipulation, indicating a sequential laying from inner ring to outer ring. In the clutch, the long axis of the eggs is inclined at about 60 degrees from the vertical towards the clutch center, and the blunt ends pointing towards the clutch center (see Chapter 5). These features highlighted a peculiar nesting mode of oviraptorid dinosaurs and offer crucial geopetal information for understanding the evidence and inference later.

In addition to their peculiar nesting mode, oviraptorid dinosaurs was hypothesized to exhibit some unique avian behavioral characters. [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) proposed brooding behavior in oviraptorid dinosaurs based on a report of the egg clutch-adult

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association in the oviraptorid dinosaur *Citipati osmolskae* from Mongolia. In this report, they only proposed “sitting behavior atop a clutch” but not “contact incubation behavior.” Later discoveries of oviraptorid adult-associated clutches (*Oviraptor philoceratops*, *Nemegtomaia barsboldi*, cf. *Machairasaurus* and *Citipati osmolskae*) further suggested that the behavior of sitting atop a clutch is a shared character in Oviraptoridae ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). However, more and more studies imposed the “incubation behavior” on derived feathered dinosaurs in the absence of a detailed examination of all available evidence. [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) reported five complete oviraptorid nests excavated from Jiangxi Province, China, with more than 30 eggs, and found sediment interbedded between the stacked rings of eggs. This would mean that heat was difficult to transfer to the lower part of the clutch, which suggests that the “brooding” specimens could represent guarding behavior instead of incubating as shown by some extant birds. [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) also pointed out that simply using the close physical association of the *Oviraptor* adult with the eggs is insufficient for inferring brooding behavior (here he obfuscated brooding and incubation). Therefore, there is no consensus on the presence and mode of putative brooding behavior in non-avian dinosaurs.

Furthermore, [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) proposed polygamy behavior in oviraptorid dinosaurs based on their ratio of clutch volume to adult mass that closes to the one of modern polygamous birds. Polygamy behavior is contributed by paternal care and communal nesting behaviors. Whereas the hypothesis of paternal care in oviraptorids was still in debate, the communal nesting behavior in oviraptorids was later supported by elemental analyses of eggshells from the same clutch that shows inter-pair differences in phosphorus distribution, which is an indicator of female age ([Yang et al., 2016](#)). In this chapter, we only discuss the communal nesting behavior since it is pertinent to our hypothesis. We attempt to test above two hypotheses—brooding and communal nesting behaviors, based on evidence from this study and thus provide a comprehensive nesting biology model for oviraptorid dinosaurs.

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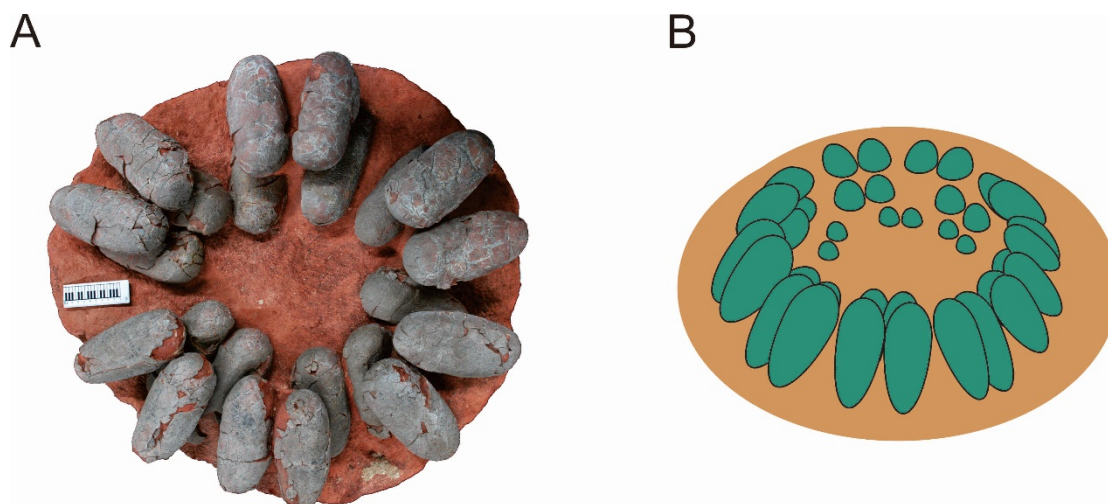


Figure 6-3 A representative oviraptorid clutch and reconstruction of the nest. (A) Top view of an oviraptorid clutch housed at the Shishang Museum of Natural History, Taiwan (SMNH-0010403018). This clutch illustrates that the eggs are arranged in pairs with their blunt ends pointing to the clutch center, as well as that the eggs are arranged in superimposed rings with sediment in between layers. This clutch preserves two superimposed rings, with 12 eggs in the outer (upper) one and 10 in the inner (lower) one. Note that the original dip of the eggs would have been much higher than what is preserved due to compaction during fossilization. (B) A semi-open nest reconstruction based on this and other well preserved oviraptorid clutches. The reconstruction shows three superimposed layers with 10 pairs of eggs in the uppermost ring, four pairs exposed in the middle rings, and three in the lower ring, visualizing that some eggs may have been completely buried by sediment at times.

6-1-5 Hatching Asynchrony: An Ecological Perspective

Asynchronous hatching in birds has long been a topic of interest to ornithologists. Several hypotheses have been proposed to explain hatching asynchrony in birds, including (1) the “brood reduction hypothesis” (Lack, 1954), (2) the “feeding constraint hypothesis” (Hussell, 1972; Hussell, 1985; Mock & Schwagmeyer, 1990), and (3) the “nest failure hypothesis” (Clark & Wilson, 1981). Among these three hypotheses, the “nest failure hypothesis” has been supported most frequently by different theoretical and empirical experiments. We review these hypotheses in more detail below.

- (a) Brood reduction hypothesis (Lack, 1947; Lack, 1954): This hypothesis noted that a significant hatching asynchrony creates clear age differences in the chicks. Hence, the first hatchling can obtain most of the reproductive investments from the parents and ensure the delivery of the parents’ gene pool to the next generation.

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- (b) Feeding constraint hypothesis ([Hussell, 1972](#); [Hussell, 1985](#); [Mock & Schwagmeyer, 1990](#)): This hypothesis suggests that the hatching asynchrony serves to avoid peak energy demand. If all eggs hatch at once, the parents will suffer from fatigue due to such a high demand.
- (c) Nest failure hypothesis: [Clark & Wilson \(1981\)](#) proposed that hatching asynchrony is a strategy to reduce total nest failure. According to this hypothesis, the ratio of daily nest mortality during the posthatching period to daily nest mortality during the prehatching periods corresponds to the degree of hatching asynchrony. That is, if offspring are at the higher risk after hatching than before hatching, then hatching synchrony is favored. Conversely, hatching asynchrony is favored if offspring are at higher risk in the egg stage than in the hatchling stage.

Since dinosaurs are the closest relatives of modern birds, paleontologists tended to apply the bird model to dinosaurs for interpreting their biology, ecology, and behaviors. For instance, [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) considered oviraptorids and troodontids as an intermediate stage of reproductive biology toward modern avian mode, which was questioned by our previous study (Chapter 5). Here we attempt to test if aforementioned bird models for hatching asynchrony are applicable to dinosaurs and implicate a possible model for dinosaurs based on the evidence arising from this study.

6-2 Methods

6-2-1 Material and Geological Background

An individual egg (SMNH-20140105-1) and a pair of eggs (SMNH-20140105-2 and SMNH-20140105-3), all with embryonic remains, constitute the specimen SMNH-20140105. Hereafter, the eggs will be termed egg I (SMNH-20140105-1), egg II (SMNH-20140105-2), and egg III (SMNH-20140105-3) for ease of discussion. Egg I is from a higher ring than the pair. Based on eggshell surface ornamentation and histology

The partial clutch was discovered in the Late Cretaceous Tangbian Formation, Nanxiong Group, Ganzhou Basin, southern Jiangxi Province, China. Geographically, the discovery quarry is located in the technological development zone near Dayu County of Ganzhou City. Geologically, the Ganzhou Basin is composed of two NE-SW striking sub-basins, including the northeastern part and the southwestern part (Figure 6-4). Like

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most other red bed basins in Jiangxi Province, the Ganzhou Basin is a result of Mesozoic extensional tectonic activity and thus shows a “domino-style” stacking pattern. The specimen SMNH-20140105 was discovered in the southwestern part of the Ganzhou Basin that is filled with dark red purplish sandstone with interbeds of conglomerate.

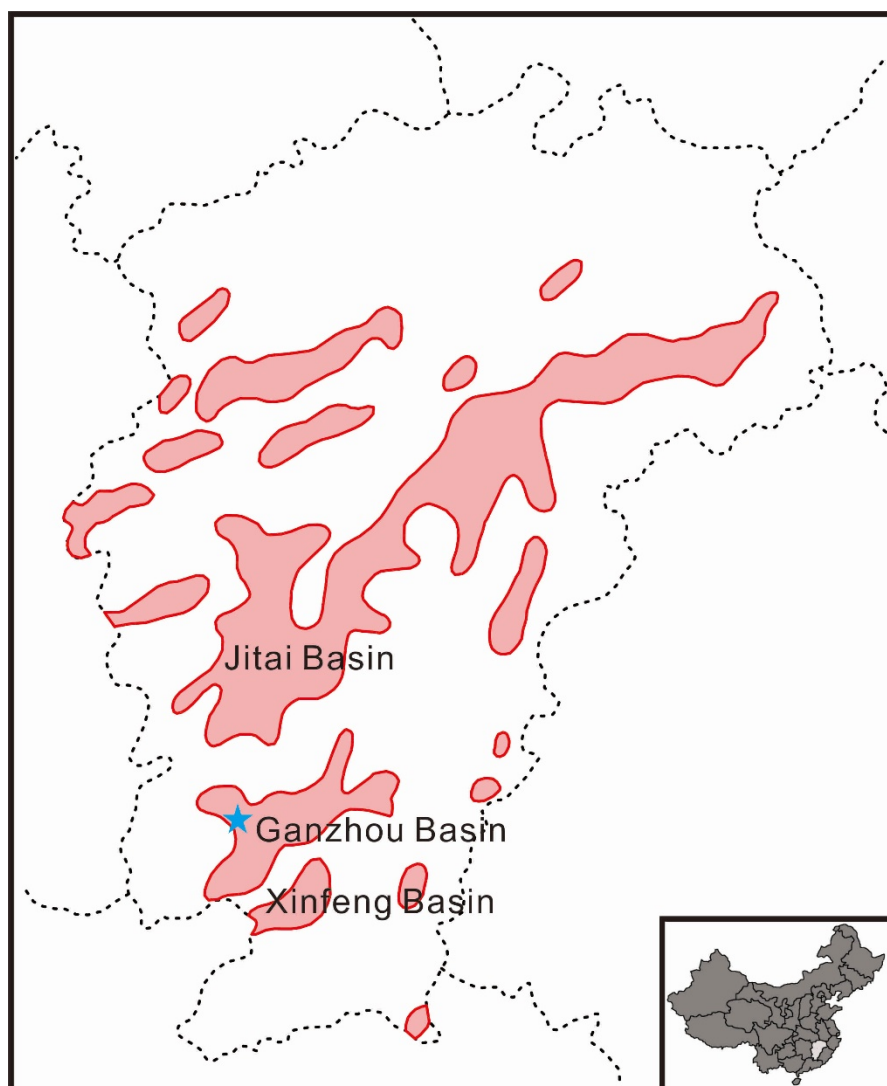


Figure 6-4 Map of Jiangxi Province, China and distribution of red bed basins. The blue star indicates the locality where the studied specimen SMNH-20140105 was discovered. Red areas are Cretaceous red bed basins.

6-2-2 Preparation and Photogrammetry

After the discovery in 2014, the specimen SMNH-20140105 was acquired by the Shishang Museum of Natural History for further preparation and studies. All three eggs were complete in the same block as shown in Figure 6-5 when collected. Meticulous preparation of each egg was only possible after separating them. The preparators at

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SMNH and Tzu-Ruei Yang observed the separation and preparation. Each egg was prepared mainly from the bottom utilizing a micro-sandblaster and air scribes at the SMNH (Figure 6-5). Although the stratigraphic orientation of SMNH-20140105 was not recorded in the field, the specimen contains identifiable geopetal features that indicate the original orientation (detailed description in section 6-4-1) which is crucial for our further interpretation.

Egg I was prepared from both sides but failed to show many articulated embryonic remains (Figure 6-6; Appendix III). Egg II was prepared from the bottom only (Figure 6-7; Appendix III). To avoid destruction of the little distorted, but well-preserved top-side of egg III, mechanical preparation was only conducted from the bottom side after separating the other two eggs (Figure 6-5 & Figure 6-8; Appendix III).

For producing 3D models for each embryo-containing egg (Appendices III), digital photos were taken with a Canon EOS 550D DSLR camera and imported into Agisoft PhotoScan version 1.4.1 (www.agisoft.ru/products/photoscan/professional/). These digital photos were aligned for building a sparse point cloud. Based on the sparse point cloud, we produced a polygon mesh for a 3D model.

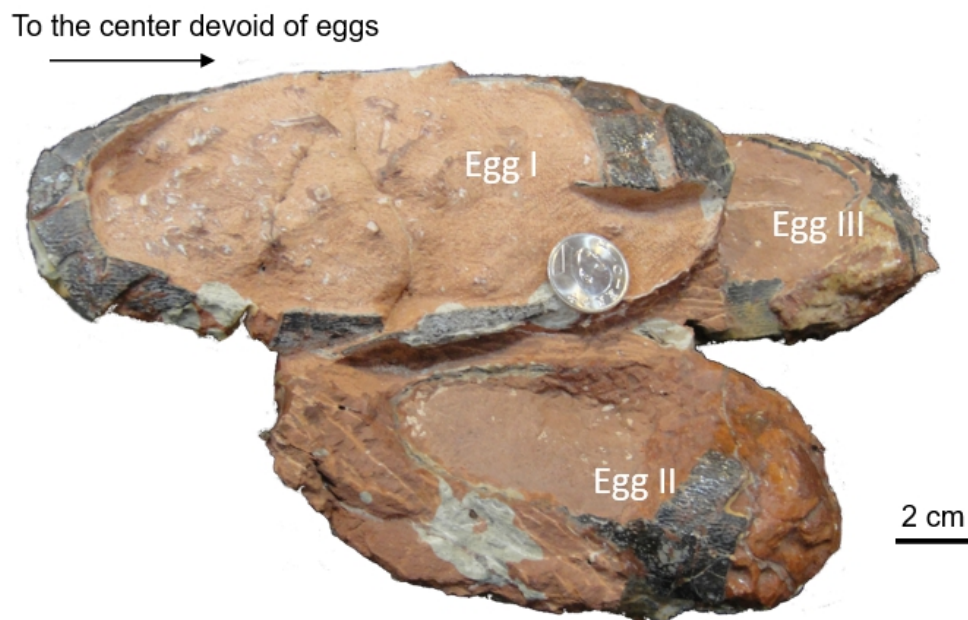


Figure 6-5 Oviraptorid eggs (SMNH-20140105) containing embryological material before preparation and separation into the individual eggs. This specimen is shown in a field-top view. The arrow points to the center of the original clutch, which can be identified based on the blunt ends of the eggs. Photo taken by Tzu-Ruei Yang.

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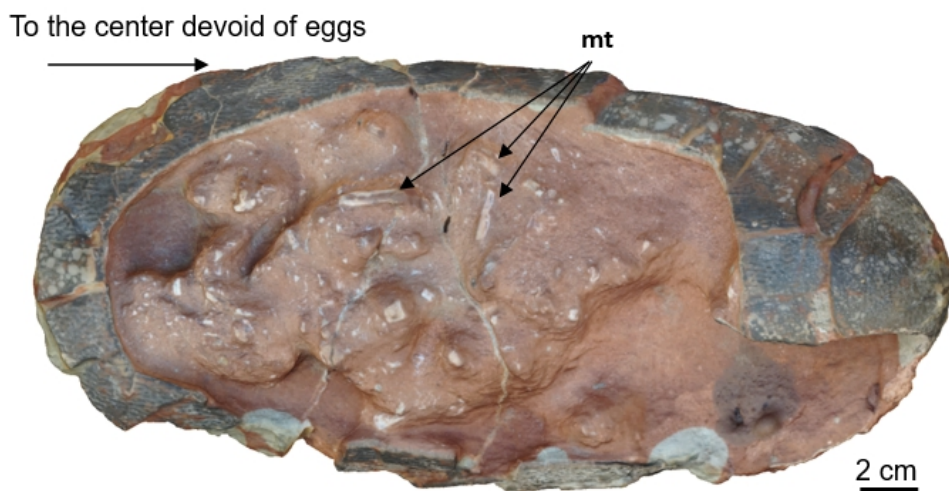


Figure 6-6 Oviraptorid egg containing scattered embryonic remains after preparation (egg I, SMNH-20140105-1) in a field-top view. The arrow points to the center of the original clutch, which can be identified by the blunt ends of the eggs. **Abbreviation:** mt, metatarsal. Scale equals 2 cm.



Figure 6-7 Oviraptorid eggs containing few embryonic remains (egg II, SMNH-20140105-2). This specimen is shown in a field-top view. The arrow points to the center of the original clutch, which can be identified by the blunt ends of the eggs. **Abbreviation:** v, vertebra. Scale equals 2 cm.

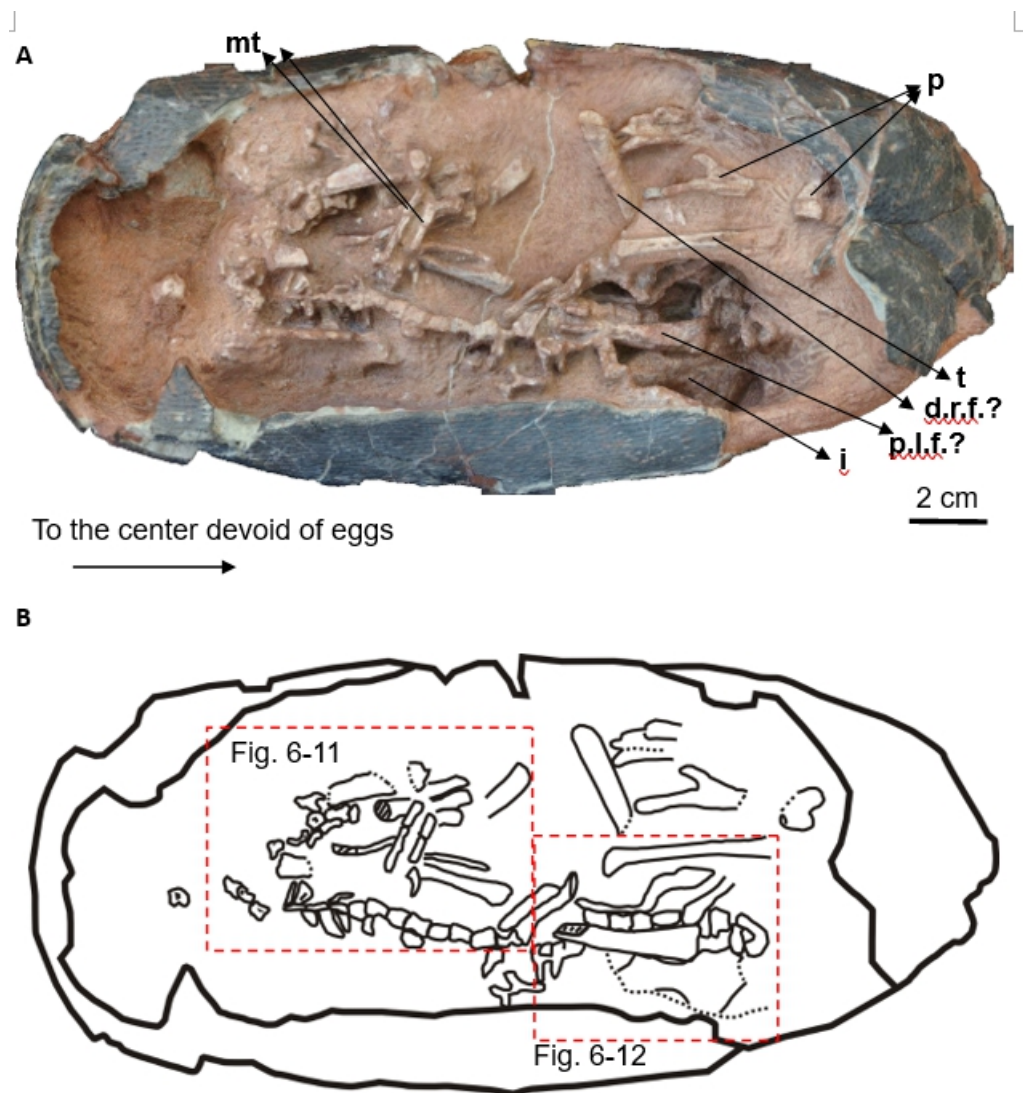


Figure 6-8 Oviraptorid egg containing a well-developed embryo after preparation (egg III, SMNH-20140105-3). The arrow points to the center of the original clutch, which is not observable now. (A) Photograph of the specimen SMNH-20140105-3 after the preparation. (B) **Abbreviation:** d.r.f.: distal part of right femur, i: ilium, mt: metatarsal, p: pubis, p.l.f.: proximal part of left femur, t: tibia. Scale equals 2 cm.

6-2-3 Taphonomic and Shell Histological Methods

Both taphonomic and shell histological features were employed in the identification of the developmental stage of each egg. Since all three eggs were preserved in the same block, the level of compaction should be similar. We estimate the level of compaction based on the same method illustrated in section 5-2-3 of this thesis. The shape of an egg viewed from the polar end is originally a circle but turned to an ellipse after compaction. We measured the long and short axes of each egg viewed from the acute end

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(Appendices I-III). The factor of compaction was then calculated by dividing the difference between the length of the longer axis of the egg ellipse and the length of the shorter axis of the egg ellipse (as viewed from the polar end of the egg) by the restored egg diameter (the average of the length of the longer axis of the egg ellipse and the length of the shorter axis of the egg ellipse) (Table 6-1). We also compared the level of ossification of caudal vertebrae in each egg for further discussion.

In order to ootaxonomically assign the studied eggs and observe calcium removal from the innermost eggshell by the developing embryo (Chien, Hincke & McKee, 2009), eggshell samples were obtained from the midshaft zone of each egg. All eggshell samples were prepared as a petrographical thin section for histological observation under a polarized light microscope.

Table 6-1 Dimensions of each egg of the specimen SMNH-20140105.

Catalog number	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Factor of compaction (%)
Egg I (SMNH-20140105-1)	184	82	30-32
Egg II (SMNH-20140105-2)	145	75	29-32
Egg III (SMNH-20140105-3)	165	74	30-33

6-2-4 CT Scanning

To obtain additional osteological information, egg III (SMNH-20140105-3) was scanned using X-ray micro-tomography at the Steinmann-Institute, Division of Paleontology, University of Bonn (Bonn, Germany). The scan was obtained with a Phoenix v|tome|x s (GE Phoenix X-ray; 240 kV) with a voltage of 170 kV and a current of 130 μ A. The 800 images were obtained at a voxel size of 0.18528842, each with an exposure time of 400 ms. Three-dimensional reconstructions and measurements were generated using Avizo version 6.2.1.

6-3 Results

6-3-1 Taxonomic Assignment

The Nanxiong Group (treated as a formation in some of the references cited here), in which the specimen SMNH-20140105 was discovered, has yielded a great number of

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oviraptorid dinosaurs, including *Heyuannia huangi* (Lü, 2002), *Shixinggia oblita* (Lü & Zhang, 2005), *Banji long* (Xu & Han, 2010), *Ganzhousaurus nankangensis* (Wang et al., 2013b), *Nankangia jiangxiensis* (Lü et al., 2013a), *Jiangxisaurus ganzhouensis* (Wei et al., 2013), *Huanansaurus ganzhouensis* (Lü et al., 2015), *Tongtianlong limosus* (Lü et al., 2016), and *Corythoraptor jacobsi* (Lü et al., 2017). In addition, five embryo-containing eggs reported from the same group were assigned to *Macroolithus yaotunensis* and associated to *Heyuannia huangi* based on the geographical affinity to the fossil site of *Heyuannia huangi* (Cheng et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2016). Based on the shell microstructure, we assign all eggs in the specimen SMNH-20140105 to *Macroolithus yaotunensis*, which is produced by *Heyuannia huangi* according to (Cheng et al., 2008).

6-3-2 Shell Histology

All three eggs were so heavily compacted that the blunt end of each egg is not identifiable simply based on the geometrical shape; however, macroscopic features provide unequivocal evidence that allows for the identification. *Macroolithus* eggs have a blunt end that is covered by linearituberculate ornamentation, while the acute end lacks ornamentation (Zhao, 1975). The attitude of each egg is thus identified. Post-mortem manipulation or taphonomic disturbance is hence precluded since all blunt ends point in the same direction (Figure 6-5-Figure 6-8; Appendices I-III).

All radial sections of the eggshells from egg I, egg II, and egg III exhibit a distinct undulating boundary between the prismatic layer (PL) and mammillary layer (ML) (Figure 6-9). The thickness ratio of the PL to the ML ranges from 3.57 to 5.16. Based on the proportions of the remaining mammillary cone, we estimate that the ratio of prismatic layer to mammillary layer in egg III was 0.28-0.33 before resorption of the mammillary layer. The absence of all mammillary tips in egg II and egg III represents a significant calcium removal from the innermost shell, possibly by the developing embryos (Cheng et al., 2008). Thus, the comparison of mammillary intactness between egg I and eggs II/III suggests that eggs II/III are more developed than egg I (Figure 6-9).

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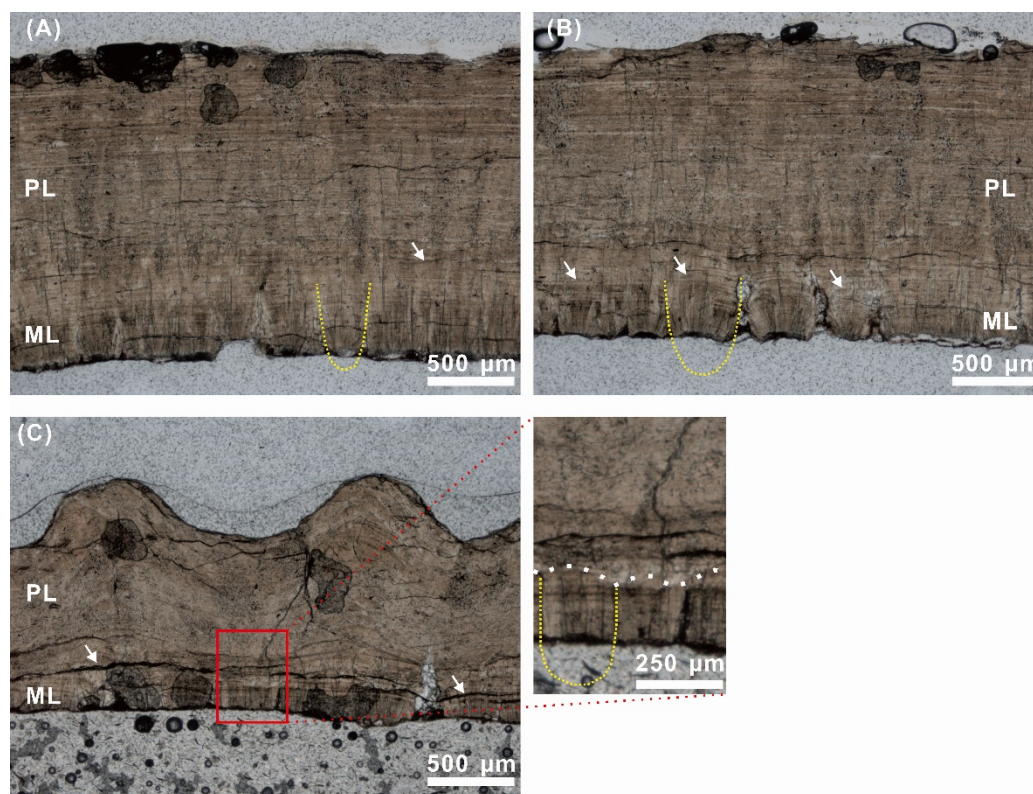


Figure 6-9 Photomicrograph of sectioned eggshells from (A) egg I, (B) egg II, (C) egg III, and (D) an enlarged section of the red column of (C). The undulating boundary between the PL and ML, as marked by arrows, is a distinct feature of *Macroolithus yaotunensis* (eggs of *Heyuannia huangi*). The mammillae were a cone-like structure as shown by yellow dash lines. The significant erosion of the mammillary layer shown by the absence of mammillary tip indicates calcium absorption of the developing embryo. Scale equals 500 μm .

6-3-3 Geopetal Features in SMNH-20140105 and Implications from Clutch Architecture

In comparison with well-preserved clutches (e.g., Figure 6-1), specimen SMNH-20140105 represents a partial clutch. The paired eggs (eggs II and III) represent a pair of siblings from the same oviposition that occurred before the individual egg (egg I). However, this temporal relationship can be only deduced by geopetal features together with the developmental stage of each egg. The specimen provides three geopetal features that allows for convincing identification of top and bottom. The first evidence is represented by the blunt end of an egg. In oviraptorid clutches, all eggs are arranged with their blunt ends pointing upwards and to the center devoid of eggs (Figure 6-1). The second geopetal feature is shown by the stacking pattern of the three eggs. In a well-preserved oviraptorid clutch that consists of several rings of eggs, the rings increase in

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size from lowest to highest. Based on the location of their blunt ends, eggs II and III are closer to the center of the clutch than egg I and thus are from a lower ring. The third feature is the location of the embryonic remains in each egg, which are expected to gravitationally accumulate at the bottom of the egg after death and disarticulation, coming to rest right atop the eggshell ([Sander et al., 2008](#)). The embryonic bones were not well visible in the specimen before preparation and separation into the individual eggs. The embryonic bone adjacent to the eggshell, which was revealed by preparing away the shell in all three eggs, thus must represent the lower side of the eggs (field-bottom). Based on these lines of evidence, we can reconstruct the stacking pattern and be assured that the paired eggs (egg II and egg III) were laid prior to the individual egg (egg I).

6-3-4 Egg I (SMNH-20140105-1)

Due to the incomplete preservation, the factor of compaction is estimated to be 30-35%. The embryo skeleton is disarticulated. Three metatarsal bones and scattered vertebra were recognizable but not osteologically assignable. Morphologically, egg I is larger than egg I and II, suggesting that egg I and the pair (egg II/egg III) were possibly laid by two different females in different body size because egg size is constrained by the size of female pelvis.

6-3-5 Egg II (SMNH-20140105-2)

Egg II and egg III are similar in size and factor of compaction. To keep egg II intact, mechanical preparation was only partially of the bottom side was only partially possibly and only scattered vertebrae were revealed in egg II. These vertebrae are recognizable as such but ill-defined (Figure 6-7).

6-3-6 Egg III (SMNH-20140105-3)

Egg III preserves numerous recognizable postcranial remains. The CT scan revealed a bone aggregation near the blunt end, possibly representing the cranial part of the embryo (Figure 6-10). However, cranial parts were not exposed by preparation. Neutron imaging or synchrotron tomography might be able to resolve the possible preservation of the cranial parts in the matrix. The sacral region is possibly represented by four vertebrae (v1-v4) exposed in lateral view close to the possible ilium (Figure 6-8 & Figure

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6-12). However, sacral ribs are not recognizable. A total of 15 caudal vertebrae (Ca1-Ca15) are preserved in lateral view in a continuous series, extending to the acute end of the egg in egg III (Ca1 to Ca15 in Figure 6-11). The size of the caudal vertebrae decreases from Ca1 to Ca15, indicating that the Ca15 is reasonably the posteriormost vertebra among them. The neural arch is absent in all caudal vertebrae except for Ca9, possibly due to poor preservation or incomplete ossification. Right next to the series of caudal vertebrae is there an aggregation of right ulna, two radii, and scattered metatarsals. The right ulna is possibly identified based on its unmatured distal styloid process and its relative position to other skeletal remains. Both radii were recognizable since they present distinct styloid process of the distal end. The left radius possibly broke during fossilization. The distal part of the right femur is recognizable on the basis of its shape in the lateral view; however, the head of the proximal embryonic femur is not well formed. The proximal part of left femur is also visible, an interpretation based on the proximity of the bone to the ilium and more pronounced shape of the head. However, the length of both femora cannot be measured. The distal part of a tibia in the posterior view can be identified as well, based on the medial malleolus. Only the proximal halves of the left metatarsals are preserved in the egg III.

While the cranial parts of the embryo in egg III are not visible, the pose of the embryo inside the egg is indicated by the orientation of the caudal vertebrae (Figure 6-8) which indicates that the cranial parts of the embryo were near the blunt end of the egg, i.e., in the direction of the center of the clutch.

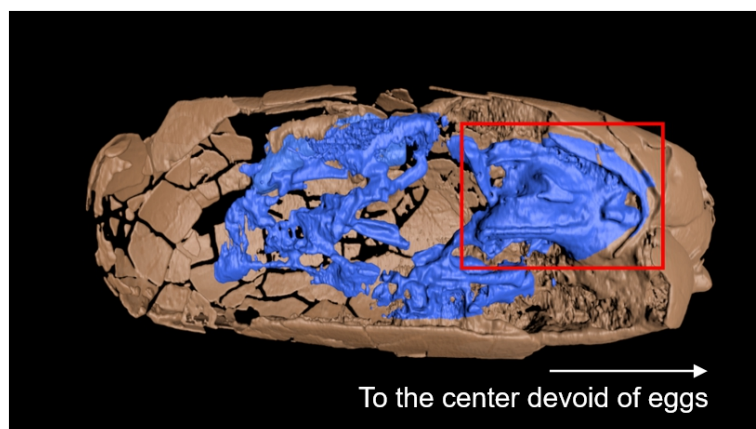


Figure 6-10 Micro-tomographical image of egg III (SMNH-20140105-3). The aggregation pointed to by the red arrow probably represents the cranial parts of the embryo, indicating the pose of the embryo inside the egg. The white arrow points to the center of the original clutch, which is not observable now.

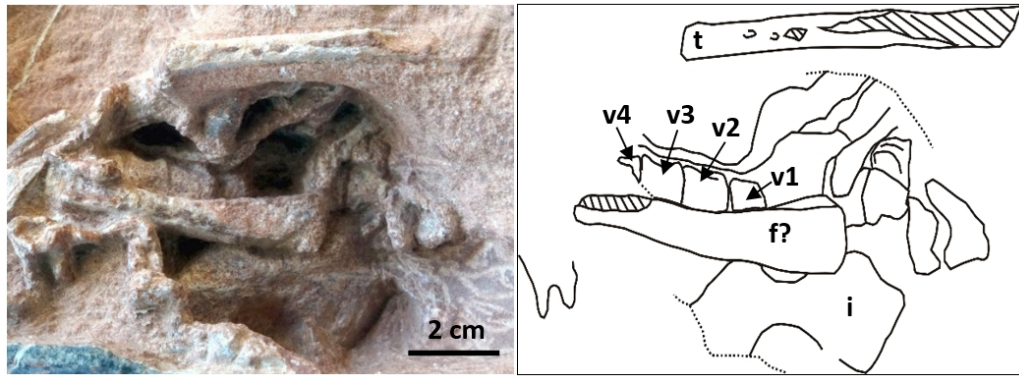


Figure 6-11 Pelvic region of the oviraptorid embryo in the egg III. **Abbreviation:** f: femur, i: ilium, v: vertebra, t: tibia. Scale equals 2 cm.

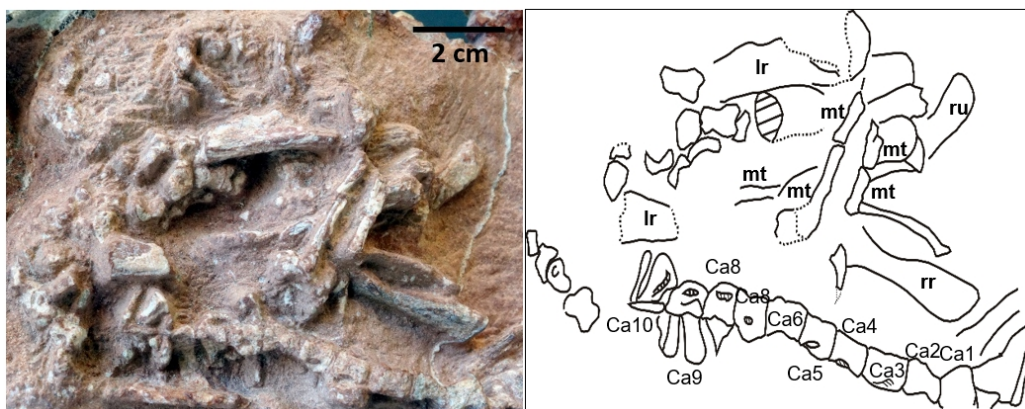


Figure 6-12 Caudal region of the oviraptorid embryo in the egg III. **Abbreviation:** Ca: caudal centrum; mt, metatarsal; lr, left radius; rr, right radius; ru, right, ulna. Scale equals 2 cm.

6-4 Discussion

6-4-1 Taxonomy of Embryos and Ootaxonomy of Eggshells

Since the skull in all eggs of the studied clutch SMNH-20140105 is absent or unexposed, these specimens would have been considered as *Oviraptoridae incertae sedis*, pending new information. Despite numerous contemporaneous oviraptorid dinosaurs unearthed from the same formation, none of them was associated to an ootaxon in the absence of embryo-containing eggs except for *Heyuannia huangi* NMNS-0015276-F02-embryo-01 of [Cheng et al. \(2008\)](#). Thus, based on the egg shape (Table 6-1 & Table 6-2), histological and surficial features of eggshell (Figure 6-9 and Table 6-2), and the geographical affinity, we prefer to assign these oviraptorid embryos to *Macroolithus yaotunensis*, which is laid by *Heyuannia huangi* ([Cheng et al., 2008](#)).

In comparison with other previously described embryo-containing eggs, the shell

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of egg III shows similar ratios of PL to ML and microstructural features to the specimen NMNS-0015276-F02-embryo-01 of [Cheng et al. \(2008\)](#). In addition, the specimen NMNS-0015276-F02-embryo-01 of [Cheng et al. \(2008\)](#) and the three embryos of [Wang et al. \(2016\)](#) were discovered in adjacent localities. Although [Wang et al. \(2016\)](#) did not assign the specimens IVPPV20182, IVPPV20183, and IVPPV20184 to any ootaxon, these embryo-containing eggs are assignable to *Macroolithus yaotunensis* based on their microstructural features and geographical affinity (personal communication with S. Zhang).

6-4-2 Embryo Position *In Ovo*

The *Beibeilong* embryo reported by [Pu et al. \(2017\)](#) provided a superb analog to interpret the position of oviraptorid embryo *in ovo*. Oviraptorosaurian embryos exhibit a similar position *in ovo* to modern chickens—cranial parts toward the blunt end of the egg and caudal end near the acute end. Although the cranial part of the embryo is not exposed by mechanical preparation, we are able to identify the *in ovo* position of the embryo based on the direction where the caudal vertebrae extend (Figure 6-8 & Figure 6-12). Furthermore, the CT image of egg III reveal an aggregate of skeletal remains near the blunt end, possibly representing the cranial part of the embryo. The embryonic skull located near the blunt end indicates that the perinate would have to hatch from the blunt end. This observation concurs with the hypothesis that oviraptor clutch were partially exposed to the air, but with the acute ends buried in substrate (Chapter 5; [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)).

Table 6-2 Parameters of eggshell microstructures in comparison with previously reported specimens.

Catalog number	Egg length (mm)	Egg width (mm)	Thickness of prismatic layer (mm)	Thickness of mammillary layer (mm)	Ratio of PL to ML	Ootaxonomic assignment	Reference(s)
SMNH-20140105-3	165	74	1.25-1.45	0.3-0.4	3.6-4.1	<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i>	This study
IGM 100/979	180	65					Norell et al. (1995)
IVPPV9608	150	55	0.55	0.2	3.7		Dong & Currie (1996)
IGM 100/971	120	60*			3.7	Elongatoolithidae indet. or <i>Elongatoolithus elongatus</i>	Norell, Clark & Chiappe (2001)
MPC-D100/1017			0.48	0.19-0.33	1.5-2.5	Elongatoolithidae indet.	Weishampel et al. (2008)
NMNS-0015276-F02-embryo-01	175.3	92.1	0.96-1.35	0.24-0.44	3.1-4	<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i>	Cheng et al. (2008)
MPC-D100/1017			0.48	0.19-0.33	1.5-2.5	Elongatoolithidae indet.	Weishampel et al. (2008)
IVPPV20182	198.3	88.0				Elongatoolithidae indet., but very possibly <i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> **	Wang et al. (2016)
IVPPV20183	179.5	92.1	0.96-1.32	0.24-0.44	3.3-4	Elongatoolithidae indet., but very possibly <i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> **	Wang et al. (2016)
IVPPV20184	163.5	74.8				Elongatoolithidae indet., but very possibly <i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> **	Wang et al. (2016)

*Estimated value

**Based on personal communication with S. Zhang.

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6-4-3 Hatching Asynchrony Inferred from SMNH-20140105

Hatching asynchrony can be inferred if embryos of different developmental stages are present in a single clutch, provided that the embryos developed continuously and at the same rate and that there was no developmental arrest. The lack of developmental arrest is inferred from phylogeny ([Williamson et al., 2017](#)). The presence of different developmental stages can be determined based on the size of skeletal elements and histological examinations ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)). However, these methods are not possible in the present specimens since they do not preserve the same skeletal parts. Instead, our inference of hatching asynchrony is mostly based on the level of articulation. The taphonomic influence on the level of articulation is here precluded since all eggs have similar factors of compaction and were preserved in the same block, which represent the same taphonomic history and deformation. [Kundrát et al. \(2008\)](#) categorized therizinosauroid embryos into four stages based on the level of ossification and the degree of aggregation of skeletal remains. The first stage consists of poorly articulated skeletal remains that are clustered in an aggregation on the corner of the egg. [Kundrát et al. \(2008\)](#) interpreted the aggregation as a result of the confinement by the yolk. However, the aggregation could be also a result of gravitational accumulation after death and disarticulation, which was not considered by [Kundrát et al. \(2008\)](#). Whereas the aggregation was not observed in our studied specimen, we observed that all embryonic remains sit near the bottom of the eggs in this study, indicating a gravitational accumulation instead of a confinement by the yolk.

[Hamburger & Hamilton \(1951\)](#) divided the developmental history of a chicken embryo into 46 stages over 20-21 days. Embryological studies have revealed that the anterior vertebral column develops earlier than the posterior part ([Diwan & Dhakad, 1995](#)). Somite formations reaches the tip of pygostyle at stage 22 (3.5 days). In egg III, the caudal vertebrae are articulated and well developed, indicating that the embryo was near the hatching stage. Egg I only preserved scattered vertebrae that are ill-defined, presumably because of poor ossification or preservation. The latter factor is here precluded because all eggs have similar factors of compaction and were preserved in the same block, which represent the same taphonomic history and deformation. Egg III was prepared from both sides, ensuring the best exposure of all embryonic remains. The one

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preserved metatarsal in egg I is slimmer than all of the metatarsal bones in egg III, supporting our interpretation that egg III is more developed than egg I. Besides, the observation of different developmental stages in the three eggs demonstrates a temporal gap between the two eggs in the inner (lower) ring and the one in the outer (upper) ring. Our study thus provides supportive evidence to [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#)'s observation that oviraptorid dinosaurs laid the innermost, lower ring of eggs first, covered this ring with substrate, and then laid the second ring, or even third ring, of eggs. However, due to the lack of matching skeletal parts, an estimation of the length of the gap between the two laying events in our specimen (egg I vs. eggs II and III) is not possible.

6-4-4 Hatching Asynchrony as a Synapomorphy in Oviraptorids

[Weishampel et al. \(2008\)](#) described four oviraptorid embryo-containing eggs, possibly from the same clutch, but refrained from assigning them to a particular species due to the immaturity of the bones and poor preservation. Based on the assumption that the four embryo-containing eggs were from the same clutch, they hypothesized hatching asynchrony in oviraptorids. The four embryo-containing eggs were discovered in the Nemegt Formation of Bugin-Tsav, Mongolia, which was tentatively dated to a 72.0-70.8 Ma interval (late Campanian; [Ogg, Agterberg & Gradstein, 2004](#)). Oviraptorids from Mongolia include *Ingenia* sp., *Rinchenia mongoliensis*, *Avimimus nemegtensis*, *Nomingia gobiensis*, and cf. *Elmisaurus* (and possibly other unknown species), all of which have been described from the Nemegt Formation in Bugin-Tsav, Mongolia (reviewed in [Funston et al., 2017](#)), indicating a large number of sympatric species. Our specimen, likewise, could potentially pertain to any of a number of species reported from Nanxiong Group (Campanian—Maastrichtian) of Jiangxi and Guangdong Provinces, China. However, the comparison of egg shape and eggshell microstructure strongly supports the assignment of SMNH-20140105 to *Heyuannia huangi*. If the hatching asynchrony reported by [Weishampel et al. \(2008\)](#) is true, hatching synchrony may well be a shared character among Oviraptoridae.

The latest phylogeny of modern birds on the basis of genomic analyses shows that hatching asynchrony is only observed in Neornithes ([Stoleson & Beissinger, 2010](#); [Prum et al., 2015](#)). All sauropods are considered to lay a whole clutch *en masse* ([Reisz et al., 2012](#)), and the eggs from the same clutch hatched synchronously as modern reptiles in

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the absence of incubation behaviors. Among theropods, so far, only *Troodon* eggs have been suggested to hatch synchronously ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2003](#)). The evidence from our study demonstrates the earliest hatching asynchrony in the dinosaurian lineage.

6-4-5 Insights into the Existing Ecological Hypotheses

Ecologists formulate hypotheses and then test these hypotheses by ecological experiment or observations in the field. However, due to the limitations of the fossil record, these reproductive ecological hypotheses are rarely testable when dealing with extinct animals. Adult-associated oviraptorid clutches discovered in China and Mongolia have been suggested to represent evidence for an avian mode of incubation ([Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#)). However, this hypothesis has been challenged by several subsequent studies ([Martin & Simmons, 1995](#); [Deeming, 2002a](#)). [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) suggested an alternative hypothesis that the clutch-associated adults were actually females in the process of laying eggs.

However, it is obvious that oviraptorid dinosaurs exhibited a more refined nesting strategy compared to ground-nesting reptiles. [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#) detected two pigments in *Heyuannia huangi* eggshells from Henan, Jiangxi, and Guangdong Provinces of China, indicating that these oviraptorid dinosaurs had evolved colored eggs to enhance their reproductive success. Besides, the reevaluation of shell porosity in [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#) suggested an open nesting mode. Egg coloration is considered as an adaptation for preventing embryos in a vulnerable open nest from predators ([Kilner, 2006](#)). The colored oviraptorid eggs in an open nest thus hint at relatively higher risks during embryo development. To conclude, insights arising from this study, adult-associated clutches, and pigmented eggshells support the “nest failure hypothesis.” for explaining hatching asynchrony in oviraptors. Ill supported statement.

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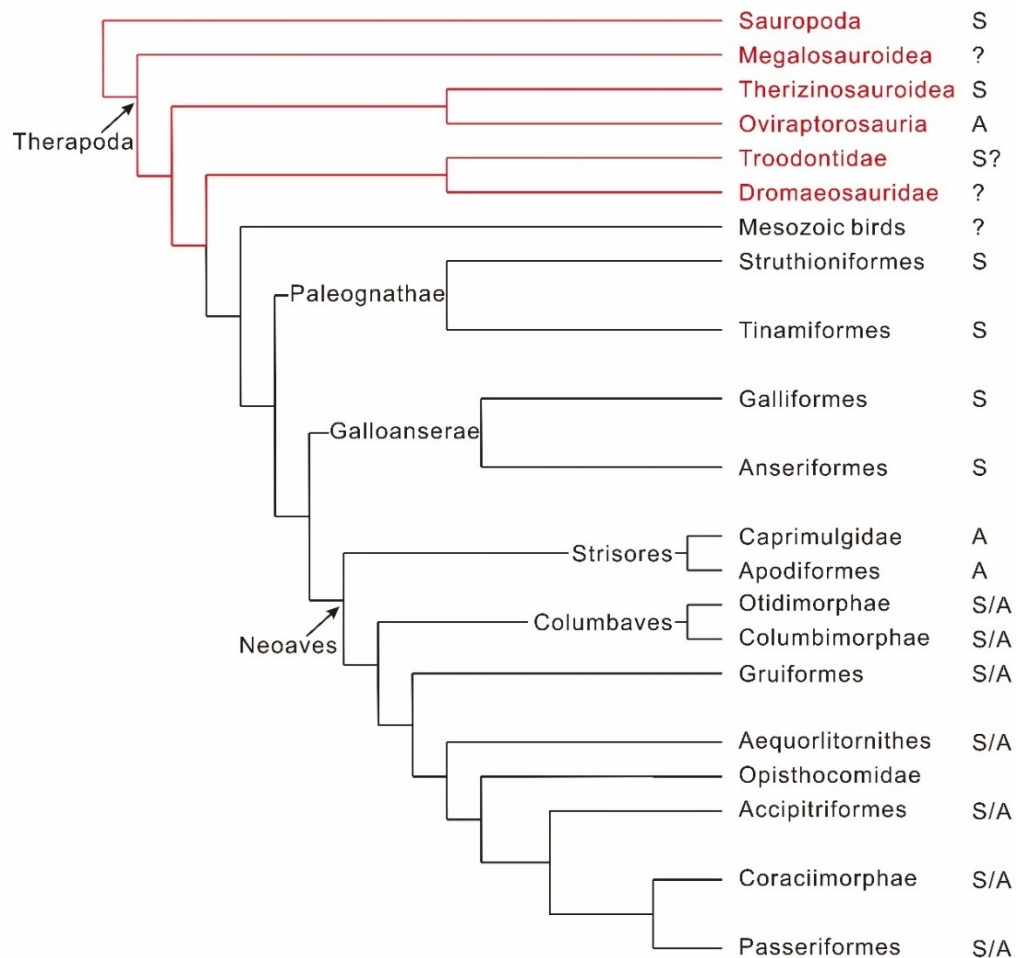


Figure 6-13 Distribution of hatching modes (S, synchronous hatching; A, asynchronous) among saurischian dinosaurs based on the fossil record for non-avian dinosaurs and on [Stoileson & Beissinger \(2010\)](#) for birds. The phylogeny was compiled by integrating the latest avian phylogeny (black, [Prum et al., 2015](#)) and a general dinosaur phylogeny (in red).

6-4-6 Brooding and Polygamy Behaviors

The hatching asynchrony in oviraptorids inferred from our study represents new evidence to the interpretation of the adult-associated clutches and can be explained by two inferences. First, if oviraptorids did utilize contact incubation, then oviraptorids were analogous to some modern birds such as barn owls that exhibit extreme hatching asynchrony ([Wilson, Wilson & Durkin, 1986](#)). In combination with the hypothesis that oviraptorids were polygamous and the male was in charge of incubating the whole clutch ([Varricchio et al., 2008](#); [Moore & Varricchio, 2016](#)), the male may have started incubation before several females completed the clutch. Furthermore, the hatching asynchrony in oviraptorids can be explained by invoking above hypotheses (section 6-1-4).

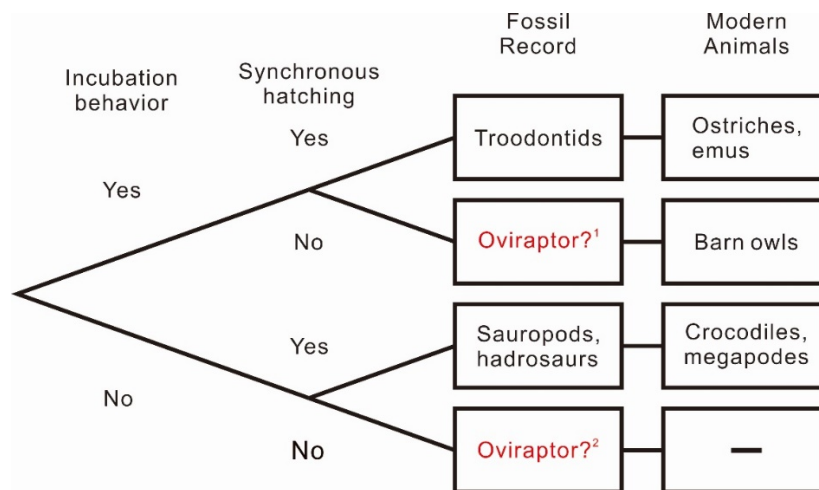
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Prior to the discussion of second inference, how a clutch was finished should be discussed. If a three-ring clutch were contributed by three females, each of which contributes a ring of eggs from inner to outer sequentially, the hatching asynchrony would have been simply caused by the time interval between two contributions from two females. Nevertheless, an elemental study by [Yang et al. \(2016\)](#) demonstrates that multiple females contributed to eggs in the same ring, thus precluding the assumption that a female contributes a ring of eggs.

Second, as discussed previously in Chapter 5, if there was no contact incubation for oviraptorids, the hatching asynchrony may be a result of the time interval between different ovipositions or egg rings. However, the multiple-ring arrangement in oviraptorid clutches could evolve because of selective advantages of hatching asynchrony. This peculiar strategy is not observed in any modern animals (Fig. 6-14), which would suggest that the nesting behaviors of oviraptorids is not analogous to that of any modern animals and that it may be difficult to use it to test any hypotheses for modern birds (section 6-1-4).

Following the conclusion arising from our previous study (Chapter 5), the second inference is preferred in the absence of contact incubation. [Amiot et al. \(2006\)](#) and [Eagle et al. \(2015\)](#) also partly supported the second inference by indicating a lower incubation temperature than modern birds. Although we precluded the first inference, the second inference is still pending validation, possibly based on further future studies. Since shell microstructure is a reliable indicator the embryo developmental stage, the level of resorption shown by the shell of every egg from a clutch would potentially test the possibility. More practically, a more complete clutch with embryos is the best material to validate our hypothesis.

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¹If oviraptorids did contact incubate their eggs, the hatching asynchrony likely resulted from the incubating adult starting incubation before the clutch was completed.

²If oviraptorids did not contact incubate their eggs, the hatching asynchrony was simply a result of the time interval between different ovipositions.

Figure 6-14 The four possible combinations of incubation mode and hatching mode in oviraptors, *Troodon*, and modern reptiles and birds.

6-5 Conclusion

Oviraptorids are a bizarre group of dinosaurs, whose nesting behaviors remains challenging to understand despite many well-preserved specimens. The partial clutch containing embryonic remains, reported in this study, provides further support to the hypothesis of hatching asynchrony in oviraptorid dinosaurs. Despite the uncertainty about the precise taxonomic assignment within Oviraptoridae, this specimen from southern China demonstrates that the hatching asynchrony can be traced far back in time to oviraptorid dinosaurs and may be a shared derived character of oviraptorid dinosaurs. The pose of the embryo in our study indicates that the perinate hatched from the exposed blunt end where the center of clutch would have been. This observation concurs with the reconstruction of a partially open oviraptorid clutch based on egg coloration, eggshell porosity analysis, and clutch architecture.

Oviraptorid dinosaurs exhibited peculiar and unique nesting strategies that is not analogous to any modern animals. Oviraptorid reproductive biology serves as a warning that simply using a “bird model” vs. a “crocodile model” to infer behaviors of extinct animals is problematic. However, oviraptorid dinosaurs may have been able to diversify due to their unique nesting biology, including some key adaptations such as colored eggs, hatching asynchrony, communal nesting behavior, polygamous behavior, and so on.

Chapter 7 Synthesis: the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs

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ABSTRACT

Among all dinosaurs, the Late Cretaceous oviraptorid dinosaurs, in addition to troodontid dinosaurs, boast the best fossil records ranging from numerous eggs to abundant embryos, seven clutch-adult associations, highly organized egg clutches, two gravid adults, possible colonial nesting grounds, and plenty of species described from skeletons from China and Mongolia. In combination with cutting-edge chemical analytical techniques and new perspectives, these well-preserved fossils provide insights into reproductive biology, ecology, behavior, and developmental biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs, contributing to several groundbreaking paleontological discoveries in the last decade. Some of the discoveries received further supports, while others remain controversial, indicating that a comprehensive, rigorous reexamination using all available evidence is required. In a recent review, oviraptorid dinosaurs were considered as an intermediate stage in moving toward the modern avian reproduction mode and it was assumed that their reproductive biology can be inferred based on the avian model.

This chapter will review evidence generated by previous studies on oviraptorid dinosaurs, in combination with new research in this dissertation. In addition, with respect to reproductive biology, we also briefly compare oviraptorid dinosaurs with another well-studied dinosaur group — troodontid dinosaurs. This new evidence and comparisons illuminate the peculiar reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs, and hence open up a new avenue for understanding the behavior and ecology of

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this unusual dinosaur group. Based on all these lines of evidence, oviraptorids had an essentially unique reproductive biology lacking modern analogues. Simply applying either avian or reptilian models to infer the biology of extinct animals thus appears inappropriate in the case of oviraptorids.

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7-1 Introduction

Oviraptorosauria, a group of feathered maniraptoran dinosaurs from the Cretaceous period, consists of several subgroups such as Oviraptoridae and Caenagnathidae. With several crucial fossil discoveries in the past, oviraptorids yield the best fossil record for elucidating the reproductive biology of any dinosaur group. Previous studies of these discoveries hypothesized that some distinct avian traits such as a toothless beak ([Wang et al., 2017b](#); [Wang, Zhang & Yang, 2018](#)), monoautochronic ovulation, brooding, and polygamous behavior had appeared in the Cretaceous oviraptorids. Hence, more and more studies imposed avian models on the Cretaceous oviraptorids and inferred their biology based on the modern bird analog. Regarding reproductive biology, a recent review by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) suggested that the Cretaceous oviraptorids were intermediate in their reproductive biology between primitive reptilians and derived Neornithes. Some hypotheses that oviraptorids exhibited avian traits were supported by our new evidence, while some were challenged. Thus, a comprehensive, rigorous reexamination using all available evidence is required. In this chapter, we will re-examine and review previous studies regarding the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs and compile the new evidence that has emerged from previous chapters (Chapters 2-6). Our synthesis broadens Varricchio and Jackson's (2016) review and demonstrates that oviraptorid dinosaurs exhibit a peculiar reproductive biology that is not analogous to that of any modern animals.

7-2 Distribution and Diversity of Oviraptorid Dinosaurs

Oviraptorid dinosaurs were exclusively reported from Cretaceous formations of Asia, especially China and Mongolia. So far, there are 18 genera described, forming a spatially constrained monophyletic group (Figure 7-1). Although there were three oviraptorosaurs reported from Argentina ([Frankfurt & Chiappe, 1999](#)), Australia ([Currie, Vickers-Rich & Rich, 1996](#)), Brazil ([Frey & Martill, 1995](#)), all of them were reexamined and reinterpreted as pertaining to other theropod dinosaur taxa. Thus, Oviraptoridae is still a distinct group only from East Asia. A recent study by [Funston et al. \(2017\)](#) reviewed the discoveries of oviraptorid dinosaurs from the Nemegt Basin. Their study posited a high diversity of oviraptorid dinosaur in the Nemegt Basin during the Late Cretaceous.

Although no studies have investigated the Nanxiong Formation in southeastern China with similar methods used in [Funston et al. \(2017\)](#), it is obvious that southeastern China was also a prosperous habitat that harbored many oviraptorid dinosaurs (Figure 7-1). Such a prosperous habitat is also present in modern birds. In the Himalayas, more than 460 different songbird species live in a narrow band stretching from eastern Nepal through China, India, and Myanmar ([Price et al., 2014](#)). [Price et al. \(2014\)](#) found the evidence for the niche-filling hypothesis based on data from Himalayan songbirds. The ecological competition for resources ultimately drove the speciation of songbirds in Himalayas. The high diversity of songbirds in a narrow region is like the one of oviraptorid dinosaurs in Nemegt Basin and southeastern China during the Late Cretaceous. The coexistence of these different species can be explained through dietary niche partitioning ([Funston et al., 2017](#)).

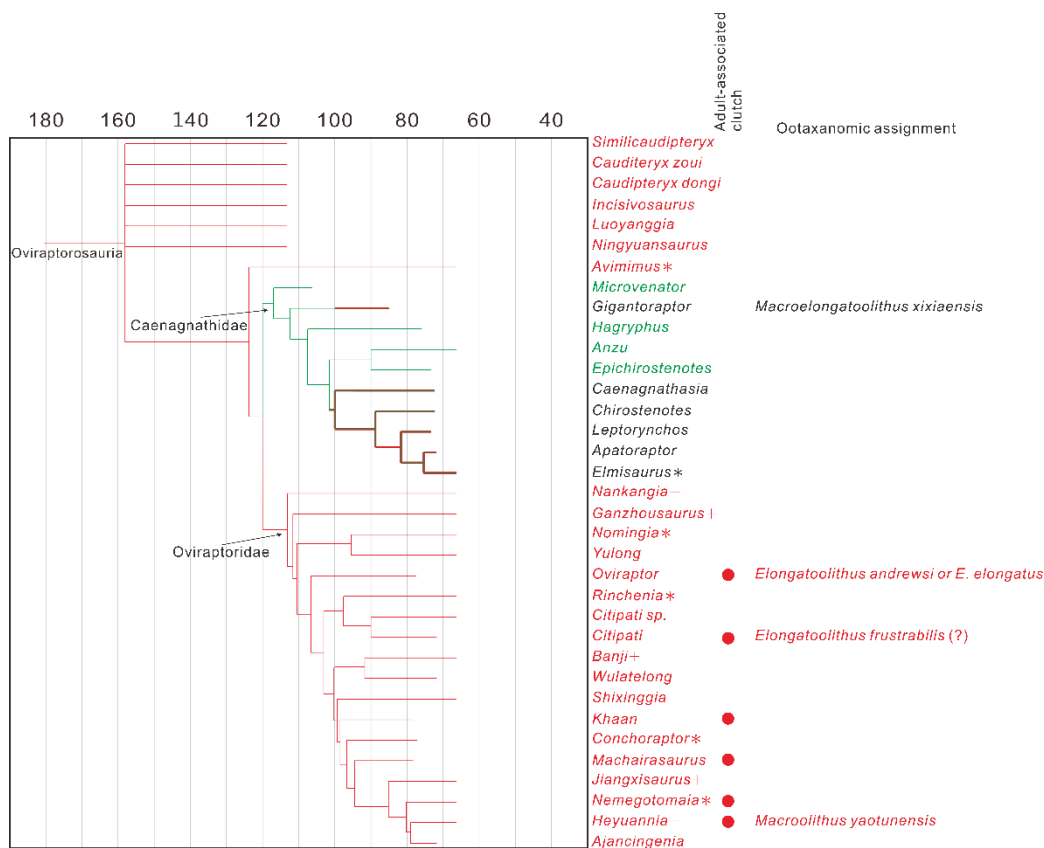


Figure 7-1 Time-calibrated phylogeny of oviraptorosaurs. The Asian taxa are marked in red, and the North American ones are marked in green. Taxa marked in black have been discovered in both Asia and North America. All clutch-adult associations were discovered in China or Mongolia and assigned to Oviraptoridae as indicated by red circles. Annotations: *, Nemegt Basin, southern Mongolia; +, Nanxiong Formation in southern China. Modified from [Funston et al. \(2017\)](#).

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7-3 Review of Evidence on Oviraptorid Clutch Parameters

7-3-1 The Architecture of an Oviraptorid Clutch

The first oviraptor clutch was described along with the report of the holotype of *Oviraptor philoceratops* ([Osborn, 1924](#)); however, clutch architecture was not investigated at that time, nor until the early 1990s. Thus, [Sabath \(1991\)](#) was the first scientific report that attempted to depict the clutch architecture and taphonomy of an oviraptorid clutch based on the clutch specimens ZPAL MgOv-II/23 (for collections acronyms, see section 1-5) from the Gobi Desert, Mongolia. His reconstruction suggested that an oviraptorid clutch was completely buried in decaying vegetation matter and sediment (Figure 7-2; Table 7-1). The eggs in the oviraptorid clutch were depicted as arranged in pairs, organized in a ring, and oriented nearly vertical with tilting outward at a small angle with their acute ends pointing downwards and to the center devoid of eggs (Figure 7-2; Table 7-1; [Sabath, 1991](#)). The paired arrangement was echoed by the discovery of an oviraptorosaurian pelvis with a pair of eggs inside from the Nanxiong Group of Jiangxi Province, China (NMNS-VPDINO-2002-0901; [Sato et al., 2005](#)).

Later, based on a well-preserved clutch-adult association specimen ("Big Mamma", IGM 100/979; Figure 7-3), [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) presented an illustration of a "brooding" oviraptor atop a sediment-free, randomly arranged clutch, which is similar to the egg arrangement of modern ground-nesting birds such as ostriches. Notably, the significant paired arrangement of eggs and center devoid of eggs, as numerous oviraptorid clutches and [Sabath \(1991\)](#) previously had documented, were absent in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#)'s illustration.

Based on another clutch-adult association specimen (IVPP V9608; Figure 7-4; Table 7-1), [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) slightly amended [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#)'s illustration by emphasizing the paired arrangement; however, some characters were still missing in [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#)'s reconstruction. For instance, the multiple-egg-ring arrangement was missing, possibly because the specimen preserves only six eggs.

In 2002, [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) suggested a new reconstruction from an ornithological perspective (Figure 7-5; Table 7-1). [Deeming \(2002a\)](#)'s reconstruction was solely rooted in [Sabath \(1991\)](#). Although the reconstruction was still incorrect since the blunt end of

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the eggs point outward and the eggs are buried, [Deeming \(2002a\)](#)'s reconstruction revived the egg-free center that was absent in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) and thus argued against the incubation behavior hypothesized by [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) (see the detailed discussion about brooding and incubation behavior in sections 5-1-1 and 7-5-2). The egg-free center suggests that an effective heat transfer from the brooding adult to the clutch was implausible ([Deeming, 2002a](#)). Moreover, the idea that the eggs in an oviraptorid clutch were buried was introduced based on the assumption of a buried nesting mode of [Sabath \(1991\)](#) and porosity data from [Mou \(1992\)](#). However, [Mou \(1992\)](#)'s porosity data, that was based on a single piece of eggshell, probably was subject to a sampling bias because [Varricchio et al. \(2013\)](#) revealed the heterogeneous distribution of porosity by sampling the eggshell all over a single *Troodon* egg. Thus, [Yang et al. \(2015\)](#) analyzed the porosity pattern of an oviraptorid egg and suggested a semi-open nesting mode. Based on another clutch-adult association, [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) proposed a new reconstruction of the oviraptorid clutch from the sedimentological aspect. Their reconstruction presented a partially-open nesting mode in oviraptorid dinosaurs (Figure 7-6). This hypothesis was echoed by two recent studies based on the discovery of tetrapyrrolic pigments preserved in eggshells ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)) and updated porosity data ([Yang et al., 2015](#)). Based on this, [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#) and [Tanaka et al. \(2018\)](#) provided an almost accurate reconstruction (Figure 7-7; Table 7-1). Both reconstructions ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#); [Tanaka et al., 2018](#)) illustrated the appearance of an oviraptorid egg well; however, the clutch architecture still requires improvement since the semi-open nesting mode was not well presented in both reconstructions ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#); [Tanaka et al., 2018](#)). Therefore, [Tanaka et al. \(2018\)](#) applied a completely open nesting mode in their reconstruction and considered that eggs were brooded by the oviraptorosaur adult as indicated by several oviraptorid clutch-adult associations. [Tanaka et al. \(2018\)](#) further suggested that the enlargement of the central opening in clutches of larger eggs, which were laid by larger oviraptorosaurs, represents an adaptation that allows brooding behavior and reduce the load on the eggs.

Finally, a detailed investigation of complete clutches by [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) revealed several general features of the oviraptorid clutch. To summarize, a complete oviraptorid clutch contains >30 eggs (>15 pairs) on a mound. The paired eggs are arranged in three to four superimposed rings with their blunt ends leaning at an angle of >40 degrees to

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the ground towards the clutch center devoid of eggs (Figure 7-8). The blunt ends were exposed to the air and the acute ends of all eggs were buried in sediment ([Yang et al., 2018b](#)). The authors also observed sediment interbedded between the different layers of eggs, which should be part of the original clutch architecture and not added by sedimentary processes after abandonment of the clutch.

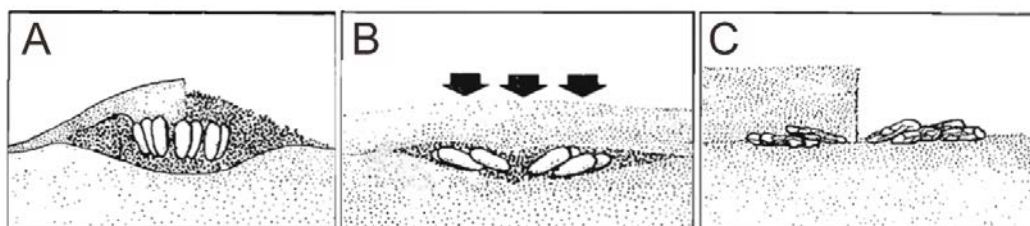


Figure 7-2 The first reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch by [Sabath \(1991\)](#). (a) In the beginning of fossilization, the oviraptorid clutch was buried in soil and sediment. Note that the eggs were nearly vertically oriented with a slight outward inclination, the acute ends point to the center, and that there are two pairs of eggs. (b) The compaction compresses the egg clutch and make the eggs nearly horizontally inclined. (c) The final appearance of an oviraptorid clutch as it is excavated. Modified from [Sabath \(1991\)](#).



Figure 7-3 The depiction of an oviraptorid clutch as part of the reconstruction of a brooding oviraptor by [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#). The IGM 100/979 specimen, on which the reconstruction is based, consists of a partial adult oviraptorid and an incomplete clutch. Note that the eggs are not covered and randomly arranged. Reproduced from [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#).

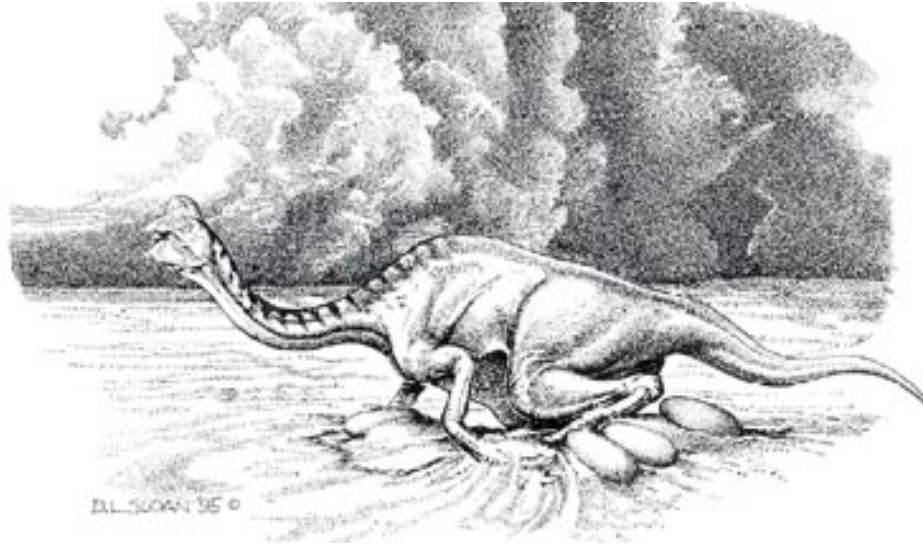


Figure 7-4 The depiction of a brooding oviraptor by [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#). In this reconstruction, the eggs are arranged at least partially in pairs in a nearly horizontal position in a partially open nest, yet it is unclear if the blunt end or the acute end of the eggs points to the clutch center. Reproduced from [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#).

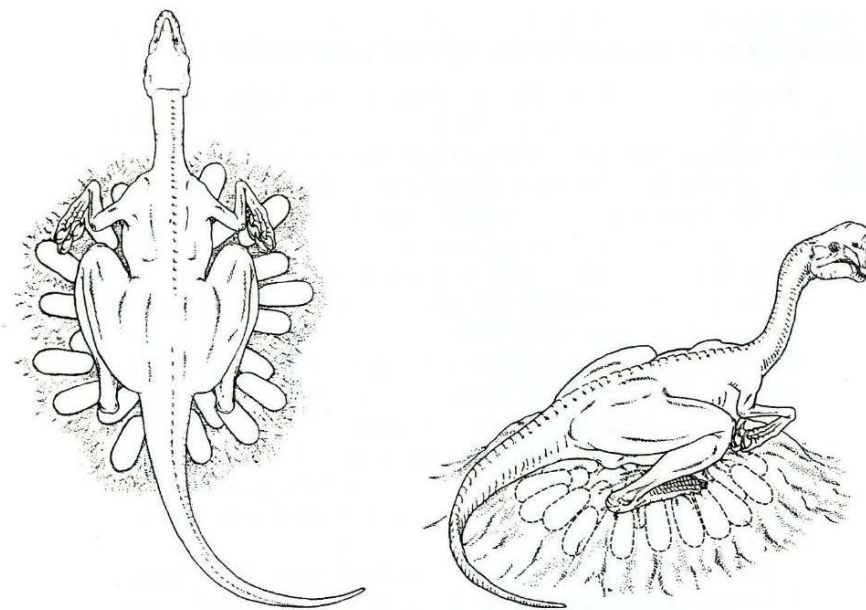


Figure 7-5 A reconstruction of brooding oviraptor atop a clutch by [Deeming \(2002a\)](#). Note that the blunt end of the eggs point outward as like the reconstruction by [Sabath \(1991\)](#). However, the inclination of the eggs is higher than the ones in (Figure 7-2; [Sabath, 1991](#)).

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Figure 7-6 Recent artist's reconstruction of *Nemegtomaia*, courtesy of Michael B. H. (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Nesting_Nemegtomaia.jpg) based on [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#) and [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#). Note that the arrangement of clutch is upside down, with the eggs inclined outwards and the pointed end directed upward. This is also the first reconstruction that shows integumentary appendages (filamentous feathers and planar feathers) in the adult. Note that the eggs are pigmented based on the evidence for biliverdin preservation in the *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggs ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)) (see discussion below).

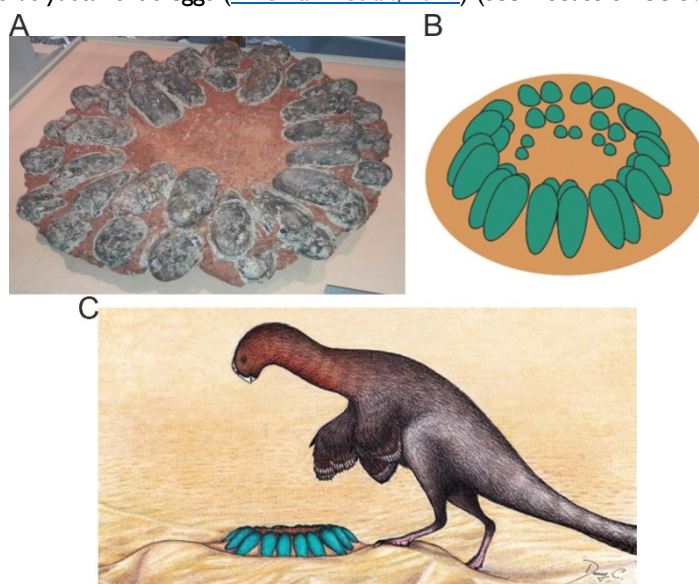


Figure 7-7 (a) A complete oviraptorid clutch (AGM 4990). The clutch was discovered in the Late Cretaceous Gaogou Formation in Henan Province, China, and was prepared from the field bottom. This clutch represents a standard example that includes all necessary characters. It consists of >40 eggs (>20 pairs) with their blunt ends pointing toward to the center devoid of eggs. (b) The clutch is inferred to have been partially exposed to the air based on the discovery of pigments preserved in eggshells and investigation of complete oviraptorid clutches ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). (c) The most correct artist's reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch and adult to date, that of *Heyuannia huangi* and its egg clutch by Danny Cicchetti (https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Heyuannia_and_eggs_nest.jpg) based on [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#). However, this reconstruction still lacks some distinctive features of oviraptorid clutches such as multiple rings of eggs, which are present in (b).

Table 7-1 Previous reconstructions of oviraptorid dinosaur clutch architecture.

	Orientation of eggs	Paired arrangement	Blunt ends point inward and acute ends outward	Multiple egg rings	Completely buried, partially buried, or completely open	Mound or pit	Egg color
Sabath (1991)	Vertical	Yes	No	No	Completely buried	Mound	No
Norell et al. (1995)	Horizontal	No	No	No	Partially buried	Pit	No
Dong & Currie (1996)	Nearly horizontal	Yes	No	No	Partially buried	Mound	No
Deeming (2002a)	Oblique	Yes	No	Yes	Completely buried	Mound	No
Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav (2012)	Nearly horizontal	Yes	Yes	No	Partially buried	Mound	No
Wiemann et al. (2017)	Oblique	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partially buried	Mound	Yes
Tanaka et al. (2018)	Oblique	Yes	Yes	No	Partially buried	Mound	Yes

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Figure 7-8 Final reconstruction in [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#). Note that the eggs are partially buried.

7-3-2 Relative Clutch Size and Ovation Mode in Oviraptorids

In the literature on reproductive biology, clutch size refers to the number of eggs and the total mass of eggs laid in a single brood by a nesting bird or reptile. It is well known that clutch size increases with body size in modern amniotes ([Blueweiss et al., 1978](#)), like other life history variables. The allometry of body size and clutch size in modern organisms was frequently studied ([Blueweiss et al., 1978](#); [Ford & Seigel, 1989](#); [Kulesza, 1990](#); [King, 2000](#)), yet rarely in dinosaurs. A limited amount of studies attempted to interpret dinosaur reproductive biology based on allometric studies or in situ observation of dinosaur clutches. These allometric studies suggested that the ratio of adult size to clutch size of sauropods is significantly smaller than in all other archosaurs ([Seymour, 1979](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#); [Werner & Griebeler, 2011](#)). [Sander et al., \(2008, p. 99 – 102\)](#) and [Ruxton, Birchard & Deeming \(2014\)](#) further suggested that the relatively smaller clutch size of sauropods is a result of their splitting of a clutch among several nests or several oviposition events per year, also resulting in several nests per year. Their

hypothesis also implied that a sauropod clutch was completely laid by a single female, as suggested by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2003\)](#). Conversely, the relative and absolute size of an oviraptorid clutch was rarely discussed in the literature despite the abundant fossil record. [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) compared clutch volume–adult body mass ratios of birds, dinosaurs, and crocodiles and observed a relatively high ratio in oviraptorid and troodontid dinosaurs, close to that seen in modern birds exhibiting paternal care and communal nesting behavior. Thus, they suggested that oviraptorid and troodontid dinosaurs displayed communal nesting behavior and paternal care. Their hypothesis of communal nesting behavior was later supported by element analyses of eggshells from the same clutch in eggs of the same pair and of different pairs. Specifically, phosphorus distribution across the eggshell thickness, which is an indicator of female age, is the same within pairs but differs between pairs ([Yang et al., 2016](#)). Since eggs of the same pair were certainly laid by the same female, this suggests that different pairs were laid by different females. Thus, the several complete oviraptorid clutches from China described in [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) were possibly laid by several females communally.

Modern crocodiles have two functional oviducts, each laying multiple eggs per oviposition, whereas birds lost one oviduct and lay only one egg per oviposition. This suggests that the evolution of ovulation mode from crocodiles to modern birds is a result of oviduct regression and egg number decrease. An oviraptorosaurian pelvis with a pair of eggs inside confirms egg number decrease (Figure 7-9; [Sato et al., 2005](#)); however, conclusive evidence for oviduct regression is still lacking. A specimen of the long bony-tailed *Jeholornis* and two enantiornithine birds from the Early Cretaceous in northeastern China showed preservation of ovarian follicles on the left side of their bodies ([Zheng et al., 2013](#)). Being within the phylogenetic bracket of oviraptorid dinosaurs and Mesozoic birds, troodontid dinosaurs thus probably play an important role in oviduct regression (Figure 7-10). A recent review paper concluded that *Troodon* clutches from North America display a similar paired arrangement of eggs, multiple egg rings, and inward-pointing blunt ends of eggs ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#)), indicating a similar nesting mode to that of oviraptorid dinosaurs. However, troodontid clutches from China and Mongolia lack paired arrangement, possibly supporting our previous speculation that one of the two reproductive tracts in Asian troodontid dinosaurs had already regressed and reached the avian mode ([Zheng et al., 2013](#)). The fossil record is consistent with what

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we observe in modern birds. The kiwi (*Apteryx*) is the only modern birds that retains two functional ovaries, yet only one of them is functional during the reproduction season ([Kinsky, 1971](#)). This observation in kiwi birds suggests that the reduction of the right oviduct might well have preceded the reduction of the right ovary ([Kinsky, 1971](#)).

The most popular hypothesis suggested that oviduct regression in modern birds evolved for weight reduction for active flight ([Zheng et al., 2013](#); [Johnson, 2014](#)). A different hypothesis proposed that the presence of a single oviduct constrains calcification to a single egg at a time and therefore minimizes physical contact between eggs that could lead to malformations ([Guioli et al., 2014](#)). Both hypotheses require testing by more evidence from various perspectives, and thus the selective advantage for oviduct reduction remains unclear.



Figure 7-9 An oviraptorosaurian pelvis with a pair of shelled eggs inside (NMNS-VPDINO-2002-0901, [Sato et al., 2005](#)). Scale bar, 10 cm.

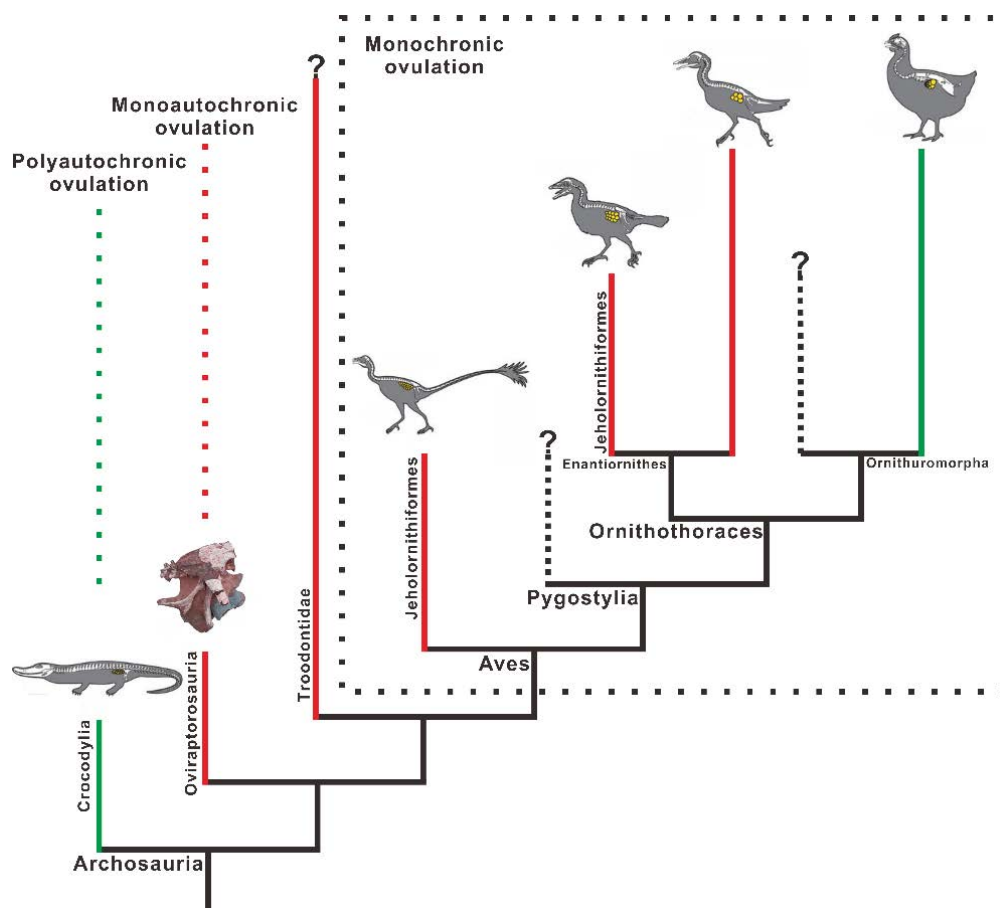


Figure 7-10 A simplified cladogram of archosaur relationships on the line to modern birds and different ovulation modes. Green lines indicate living lineages and red lines refer to extinct taxa. Modified from [Zheng et al. \(2013\)](#). Polyautochronic ovulation is defined as having two functional oviducts producing multiple eggs in an *en masse* oviposition. Monoautochronic ovulation is defined as having two functional oviducts, each producing one egg per oviposition; and monochronic ovulation is defined as having one functional oviduct that produces one egg per oviposition.

7-4 Understanding the Oviraptorid Dinosaur Egg

7-4-1 Ootaxonomy of Oviraptorid Eggs

All Mesozoic dinosaurs were oviparous, the same as their closest living relatives, crocodiles, and modern birds. Dinosaur eggs vary greatly in appearance, shape, and size. Unlike modern amniotic eggs, fossil eggs were taxonomically ill-defined and rarely explicitly assigned to a biological species. In the early 1970s, Heinrich Karl Erben attempted to establish a classification system. Based on eggshell microstructure, [Erben & Münzenburg \(1970\)](#) assigned testudoid eggs from France/Spain to type A and C and

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the ornithoid eggs from Mongolia to type B. However, [Erben, Hoefs & Wedepohl \(1979\)](#) discarded types A and C and reassigned the testudoid eggs from France/Spain to a single type, which demonstrates the confusion arising from such a simplistic classification system.

In the same period, Zikui Zhao from the IVPP of Beijing, China, developed a modern parataxonomic system in the 1970s. [Zhao \(1975\)](#) described egg features, such as egg size, ornamentation of the eggshell, and microstructure of eggshell units, and used these in parataxonomic diagnoses, facilitating the communication between paleontologists in discussion of fossil eggs. However, most of his research was published in Chinese, hindering the spreading of his parataxonomic system. Based on these egg features, [Zhao \(1975\)](#) assigned the elongate eggs from southern China to the first official ootaxonomic family—Elongatoolithidae. This ootaxonomic family was linked to Oviraptorosauria based on a oviraptorid embryo-containing egg discovered in the Gobi Desert ([Norell et al., 1994](#)).

Later, the Russian paleontologist Konstantin Mikhailov followed Zhao's work and published a review paper entitled "Fossil and recent eggshell in amniotic vertebrates: fine structure, comparative morphology and classification" in 1997 ([Mikhailov, 1997](#)). His work formalized egg parataxonomy, erecting different oofamilies in addition to egg species, enabling scientists to study fossil eggs according to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. [Mikhailov \(1997\)](#) recognized six basic structural morphotypes among amniote eggs, including geckonoid, testudoid, crocodiloid, dinosauroid-spherulithic, dinosauroid-prismatic, and ornithoid, the last four of which pertain to archosaurs. [Carpenter \(1999a\)](#) reviewed this egg parataxonomy system and attempted to link ootaxonomic families to taxonomic groups based on the basic structural morphotypes. The elongatoolithid eggs were assigned to the ornithoid egg type, implying a phylogenetic affinity between theropods and modern birds ([Carpenter, 1999a](#)).

The egg parataxonomy also contributed to the correction of the hypothesis that an *Oviraptor* was stealing a clutch of *Protoceratops* eggs. *Oviraptor*, means "egg thief" in the *derivatio nominis* of [Osborn \(1924\)](#) due to his mistaken assignment of oviraptor eggs to *Protoceratops*. The discovery of an oviraptorid embryo-containing egg ([Norell et al., 1994](#)) and an oviraptor adult sitting atop a clutch [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#), in combination with the ootaxonomic assignment, suggested that *Oviraptor* may have been a loving

mother instead of an egg thief.

Among all oofamilies, the Elongatoolithidae was most frequently reported from China and Mongolia. Currently, the Elongatoolithidae contains the oogenera *Nanhsiungoolithus* ([Zhao, 1975](#)), *Elongatoolithus* ([Zhao, 1975](#)), *Macroolithus* ([Zhao, 1975](#)), *Macroelongatoolithus* ([Li, Yin & Liu, 1995](#)), *Ellipsoolithus* ([Mohabey, 1998](#)), *Trachoolithus* ([Carpenter, Hirsch & Horner, 1994](#)), *Heishanoolithus* ([Zhao & Zhao, 1999](#)), *Ornitholithus* ([Dughi & Sirugue, 1962](#)), *Paraelongatoolithus* ([Wang et al., 2012](#)), *Undulatoolithus* ([Wang et al., 2013a](#)), *Rodolphoolithus* ([Vianey-Liaud & Garcia, 2003](#)), *Spongiolithus* ([Bray, 1999](#)), *Porituberoolithus* ([Zelenitsky, Hills & Currie, 1996](#)), and *Continuolithus* ([Zelenitsky, Hills & Currie, 1996](#)). Some of these such as *Elongatoolithus*, *Macroolithus*, *Macroelongatoolithus*, are thought to have been laid by oviraptorids based on clutch-adult associations or embryo-containing eggs (Figure 7-1; [Osborn, 1924](#); [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#); [Clark et al., 1999](#); [Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#); [Pu et al., 2017](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). Although other elongatoolithid ootaxa are valid genera, they have not been assigned to specific dinosaur species. It is therefore hard to exclude the possibility that they were all produced by oviraptorid dinosaurs as well since they exhibit similar ornamentation of surface and egg shape to those of known oviraptorid eggs. More studies are needed for assigning an egg (ootaxon) to a specific oviraptorid dinosaur.

7-4-2 The Structure of the Archosaur Egg

All archosaur eggs have a biomineralized, layered eggshell that is composed of calcium carbonate (calcite) crystals embedded in an organic matrix. The hard-shelled egg with several membranes and complicated internal structure is an adaption for terrestrial animals to protect their embryo from predation and dehydration, and enhance the reproductive success ([Geist & Ruben, 2004](#)). The biomineralized eggshell displays various structural morphotypes and different numbers of crystallized layers, which are used for ootaxonomic assignment (Mikhailov 1997). Despite various egg types, all archosaur eggs possess a mammillary layer as the base for eggshell growth and pores for gas exchange across the eggshell. Compared with geckonoid, testudoid, and crocodiloid eggs, dinosaur eggs (dinosauroid-spherulithic, dinosauroid-prismatic, and ornithoid), for instance, oviraptorid eggs, show a prismatic layer underlying the mammillary layer. Ornithoid eggs

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have an external layer in addition to the mammillary and prismatic layers, which is a distinctive feature restricted to avian eggshells. However, a study by [Varricchio, Horner & Jackson \(2002\)](#) described a putative external layer in *Troodon* eggshells, currently the only non-avian dinosaur egg displaying the external layer. Eggshell microstructure thus corroborates that oviraptorid dinosaurs lie within the phylogenetic bracket of birds and crocodiles. It is very likely that the features shared by the eggs of birds and crocodiles, such as *membrana testacea* and cuticle, were present in dinosaurs as well.

The single-layered shell membrane (or two-layered shell membrane in birds), also called as *membrana testacea*, underlying the biomineralized eggshell, is a structure for protecting the embryo from bacterial or fungal invasion ([Palmer & Guillette, 1991](#)). [Packard & DeMarco \(1991\)](#) investigated the fine structure of *membrana testacea* in extant eggs. The *membrana testacea* is composed of fibrous proteins such as collagen type I and thus shows a fibrous pattern ([Wong et al., 1984](#)).

Another organic layer, the cuticle layer, present in some birds, overlies the calcitic eggshell. The cuticle layer is often described as “waxy” due to its high amount of lipids, which keep the internal fluids from evaporating and therefore protect the encased embryo from desiccation. In addition to lipids, the avian cuticle contains proteins, polysaccharides, calcium carbonate (vaterite), calcium phosphates (hydroxyapatite, HAp), and pigments ([Wedral, Vadehra & Baker, 1974](#); [Nys et al., 1991](#); [Packard & DeMarco, 1991](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Mikhailov & Ornithologists' Club, 1997](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#); [Cusack, Fraser & Stachel, 2003](#); [Ijic et al., 2015](#)). Basically, the cuticle is divided into two distinct layers, including an amorphous HAp/vaterite inner layer and a proteinaceous outer layer ([Simons, 1971](#); [Dennis et al., 1996](#); [Fraser, Bain & Solomon, 1999](#)). The inner cuticle layer is composed of needle-like HAp/vaterite crystals in some avian eggs but present in the form of nanospherical HAp/vaterite in other avian eggs ([Dennis et al., 1996](#); [D'Alba et al., 2014](#)).

In extant bird eggs, an air space forms in the egg when the contents of the egg cool and contract after laying. The air cell lies between the outer and inner *membrana testacea* layers at the egg's blunt end. This structure provides the embryo with oxygen when it is ready to start breathing on its own and hatch from the egg ([Vleck & Hoyt, 1991](#)). The air cell thus plays an important role in the transition from chorioallantoic to pulmonary respiration ([Seymour, 1984](#)). Most reptilian eggs do not form air cells, possibly because

they only have a single shell membrane (outer and inner membranes fuse together) ([Packard & DeMarco, 1991](#)). The existence of an air cell might depend on eggshell porosity and developmental mode of the embryo. [Rokitka & Rahn \(1987\)](#) found that in bird eggs, the shell overlying the air cell has a greater pore density than the remainder of the shell. Moreover, the air cell also prevents the inside of the eggshell overlying the air cell (blunt end) from being eroded by the developing embryo ([Booth, 1989](#)), thus providing an empirical method to test the existence of an air cell in fossil eggs (see below).

The chalaza is a structure only present in avian eggs, which has not been reported in extant reptilian eggs ([Ferguson, 1982](#)). In the eggs of most birds, chalazae are two spiral proteinaceous bands of tissue that anchor the yolk in a fixed place in the albumen. Almost all avian eggs must be turned during incubation ([Poulsen, 1953](#)), and the chalazae play a crucial role for protecting the embryo from deleterious adhesion to the shell membranes during turning ([New, 1957](#)). By contrast, turning during incubation is fatal to reptilian embryos, and the adhesion of the embryo to the shell membrane is common as well. The possible presence of chalazae in non-avian dinosaur eggs is discussed below.

The color of all reptile eggs is the white of the calcium carbonate of the shell or apatite of the cuticle. However, virtually all birds, especially passerines, produce colored eggs employing two specific pigments—biliverdin and protoporphyrin ([Kennedy & Vevers, 1976](#)). Protoporphyrin is a reddish-brown heme precursor, while biliverdin is a blue-greenish heme catabolite ([Ryter & Tyrrell, 2000](#)). Even nearly white bird eggs contain these pigments in low concentrations. The function of the color is visual signaling and camouflage of an egg clutch. In addition to signaling and camouflage, numerous other functions of egg color pigments have been proposed, such as antimicrobial effects ([Ishikawa et al., 2010](#)), protection from solar radiation ([Lahti, 2008](#)), and eggshell mechanical reinforcement ([Gosler, Higham & Reynolds, 2005](#)). These functions may explain why even white-colored bird eggs contain biliverdin and protoporphyrin.

7-4-3 Egg Shape, Albumen, and Yolk in Oviraptorid Eggs

All oviraptorid eggs are extremely elongate, presenting a smooth acute and an ornamented blunt end. Previous studies suggested that the elongate egg shape was an adaptation for maximizing egg size relative to pelvic canal size and thus body size.

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Elongate eggs thus would have accommodated more resources for the developing embryo ([Grellet-Tinner et al., 2006](#); [Dyke & Kaiser, 2010](#)). Osteological and histological studies of oviraptorid embryonic remains revealed a precocial developmental pattern, implying the necessity of containing a large amount of albumen or yolk *in ovo* in support of the developing embryo ([Cheng et al., 2008](#); [Weishampel et al., 2008](#); [Wang et al., 2016](#)). However, [Deeming & Ruta \(2014\)](#) proposed that, in contrast to modern birds, albumen was absent in elongate eggs (i.e., oviraptorid eggs), which would have been similar to extant squamate eggs. In this case, the water for early embryogenesis would have been provided by sub-embryonic liquid in the oviduct instead of an albumen. Later, an enlarged yolk after absorbing sub-embryonic liquid was shaped into an ellipsoid by the contraction of the oviduct. The authors thus accordingly posited that the elongate eggs would have been at an advanced developmental stage at oviposition because of early embryogenesis from absorbing sub-embryonic liquid in the oviduct ([Deeming & Ruta, 2014](#)). Turtle eggs, however, are elongate and are at a later developmental stage at oviposition, thus contradicting to their hypothesis. While the absence of albumen is inconsistent with the phylogenetic bracket, it would be consistent with the absence of chalaza in oviraptorid eggs (see section 7-4-7). Besides, there are few studies or reports regarding preserved yolk in oviraptorid eggs nor in dinosaur eggs. A group of Chinese geneticists claimed that they successfully detected a yolk in an elongate dinosaur egg from the Xixia Basin in Henan, China and successfully extract DNA from the egg ([An et al., 1995](#); [Li et al., 1995](#); [Zhang & Fang, 1995](#)), yet these studies were questioned (e.g., [Yang, 1995](#)). The claimed dinosaur DNA turned out to be fungal contamination. In addition to the genetic studies, CT scans of an elongate dinosaur egg revealed a round structure that represents a putative yolk (Plate II e-h in [Mueller-Töwe et al., 2002](#)). The diameter of the round structure is around 2 cm, which is much smaller than [Deeming & Ruta \(2014\)](#)'s suggestion. Eventually, a study of therizinosaurian eggs from China reported an aggregation of embryonic remains in the egg and hypothesized that the aggregation was a result of the confinement of the egg yolk ([Kundrát et al., 2008](#)). However, the hypothesis of yolk preservation in dinosaur eggs is pending for more information.

7-4-4 Cuticle in Fossil Dinosaur Eggs?

The cuticle layer has been reported for several fossil dinosaur eggs, but these reports were not verified. [Chow \(1951\)](#) and [Young \(1954\)](#) described a thin and transparent layer in both the innermost and outermost eggshell in an egg from Laiyang, China, and interpreted the outer layer as preserved cuticle. However, [Chao & Chiang \(1974\)](#) reexamined the thin section and suggested that the transparent layer described by [Chow \(1951\)](#) and [Young \(1954\)](#) is simply a calcite layer resulting from recrystallization during diagenesis. Under the polarized light microscope, the cuticle-like layer of dinosaurian eggshells from Laiyang shows columnar cleavage, obvious extinction, and twinkling which is a character for identifying carbonate minerals with low refractive index and high birefringence ([Chow, 1951](#); [Young, 1954](#)). [Vianey-Liaud et al. \(1994\)](#) observed a calcite layer overlying eggshell from France and proposed that this layer is a result of the decomposition of the egg's organic material instead of preserved cuticle. However, [Kohring & Hirsch \(1996\)](#) studied the crocodylian and ornithoid eggshells from the middle Eocene of the Geiseltal, Germany, which is famous for its soft-part preservation, and noted the potential preservation of fossilized cuticle and shell membrane. All these previous studies were limited to morphological and histological comparisons between the cuticle on modern avian eggshells and putative cuticle structures on fossilized eggshells.

Recently, cuticle preservation on oviraptorid eggshells was corroborated by chemical analyses using Raman spectroscopy and EPMA (Chapter 3; [Yang et al., 2018a](#)). The elemental analysis with EPMA shows high concentration of phosphorus on the boundary between the eggshell and sediment, representing the HAp of the inner cuticle layer. The generally low concentrations of phosphorus in sediments excludes the allochthonous origin of the phosphorus in eggshells, i.e., phosphorus would rather migrate from the egg (including its cuticle) into the sediment than vice versa. The chemometric analysis of Raman spectra collected from fossil and extant eggs provides further supportive evidence for the cuticle preservation on oviraptorid and alvarezsaurid eggshells ([Yang et al., 2018a](#)).

A recent taphonomic study concluded that all oviraptorid egg clutches from the Nanxiong Group preserve their clutch architecture and pattern well ([He, Huang & Li, 2017](#)). Preservation of eggs or clutches also occurs commonly in the Two Medicine

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Formation ([Varricchio et al., 1997](#)). The general *in situ* preservation of egg clutches would suggest a relatively high potential of the preservation of soft tissues. Furthermore, a layer of secondary calcite is commonly observed on eggshells from fluvial deposits ([Jackson & Varricchio, 2010](#)). The layer of secondary calcite may have been a rigid shield that protected the cuticle layer from mechanical removal if it formed early enough during diagenesis. Based on these observations, [Yang et al. \(2018a\)](#) hypothesized that the *in situ* preservation and the coverage of secondary calcite possibly protected the cuticle layer from being washed away or removed. More detailed microscopic observation of the association between the cuticle and secondary calcite layers will possibly elucidate the taphonomic processes leading to its preservation.

7-4-5 *Membrana Testacea* in Non-avian Dinosaur Eggs?

Although fossil preservation does not favor organic remains, the *membrana testacea* is occasionally preserved in dinosaur eggs as a mineralized layer. *Membrana testacea* preservation has been reported in the eggshells from Auca Mahuevo in Argentina, the Hațeg Basin in Romania, the Tremp Basin in Spain, and Dawa in China ([Kohring, 1999](#); [Peitz, 2000](#); [Grellet-Tinner, 2005](#); [Grellet-Tinner, Fiorelli & Salvador, 2012](#); [Reisz et al., 2013](#)). So far, all the fossilized *membrana testacea* was found in sauropod eggs, some of which (Auca Mahuevo) contained embryos, yet no *membrana testacea* has been reported in theropod eggs. [Kohring \(1999\)](#) was the first to summarize the discoveries of fossilized *membrane testacea* and to provide strong evidence of fossilized shell membrane in the dinosaurian *Megaloolithus* sp. eggshells from Spain. [Schweitzer et al. \(2005a\)](#) suggested that organic material such as *membrana testacea* could be preserved in specific taphonomic environments and can be detected by immunological and mass spectrometry evidence. Recently, SEM imaging revealed an enigmatic fiber-like structure near the base of the mammillary layer in the *Triprismatoolithus* eggshell ([Yang et al., 2018a](#)). The enigmatic fiber-like structure may be a fiber of the *membrana testacea*. However, fossilized *membrana testacea* in theropod eggs requires more conclusive evidence.

7-4-6 Air Cell in Non-avian Dinosaur Eggs?

Almost all avian eggs have a fixed air cell in the blunt end, but megapode eggs are unique among avian eggs in that the air cell forms anywhere under the shell ([Baltin, 1969](#);

[Seymour, 1984](#); [Vleck, Vleck & Seymour, 1984](#)). Ornithological research has revealed that the shell region overlying the cell is more porous than the remainder of the shell. This observation makes fossil eggs amenable to testing for the presence of an air cell because porosity preserves, unlike the air cell. [Carpenter \(1999a\)](#) noted that the elongate shape of theropod eggs was most avian-like among dinosaurs, and suggested that theropod eggs accommodated an air cell in their blunt end as well. [Grellet-Tinner et al. \(2006\)](#) concurred with this, also suggesting the presence of air cell in *Troodon* eggs based on egg shape. In addition, based on a previous phylogeny where *Deinonychus* (Dromaeosauridae) was closer to birds than *Troodon* (Troodontidae), [Grellet-Tinner & Makovicky \(2006\)](#) suggested that the *Deinonychus* egg had an air cell based on the assumption of the existence of an air cell in oviraptorid eggs. However, the latest phylogeny showed that Dromaeosauridae, Troodontidae, and Avialae are in an unresolved trichotomy, thus making the hypothesis of an air cell in the *Deinonychus* egg uncertain. [Yang, Cheng & Yang \(2011\)](#) attempted to infer the existence of an air cell in oviraptorid dinosaur eggs by analyzing the eggshell thickness variation. However, in the embryo-containing egg (NMNS-0015726-F02-embryo-01, Figure 7-11), the eggshell in the blunt end, where the air cell would have been, shows a similar level of internal erosion to any other parts of the egg, thus suggesting that there was no air cell in the blunt end of the egg, protecting the eggshell from calcium removal ([Yang, Cheng & Yang, 2011](#)).

On the other hand, Mesozoic bird eggs also present an elongate shape with an acute and a blunt end. [Fernández et al. \(2013\)](#) described a large accumulation of avian eggs from the Late Cretaceous of Patagonia and discussed possible air cells in their blunt end without providing further evidence. In conclusion, to date, an air cell has not been confirmed for any non-avian dinosaur egg, and its presence can only be inferred phylogenetically in fossil Neornithes eggs. Thus, if there was no air cell in oviraptorid eggs, as [Yang, Cheng & Yang \(2011\)](#) suggested, it is very likely that the oviraptorid egg was similar to reptile eggs that have a single-layered shell membrane (see section 7-4-5).

7-4-7 Chalazae in Dinosaur Eggs?

Previous research hypothesized that most reptilian embryos adhere to the shell membrane, and that parental manipulation is harmful or fatal in reptiles ([Deeming & Ferguson, 1991](#)). Based on this hypothesis, [Varricchio et al. \(1997\)](#) suggested that *Troodon*

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eggs lacked chalazae since the partial burial of the eggs precluded parental manipulation (see [Varricchio et al., 2013](#)). [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) further suggested the absence of chalazae in oviraptorid eggs based on a similar clutch architecture. However, earlier [Deeming \(2002b\)](#) had refuted the hypothesis that the adhesion of a reptilian embryo to the shell membrane is fatal. Therefore, using clutch architecture, and more specifically egg burial (partial or complete), to infer the lack of chalazae appears questionable.

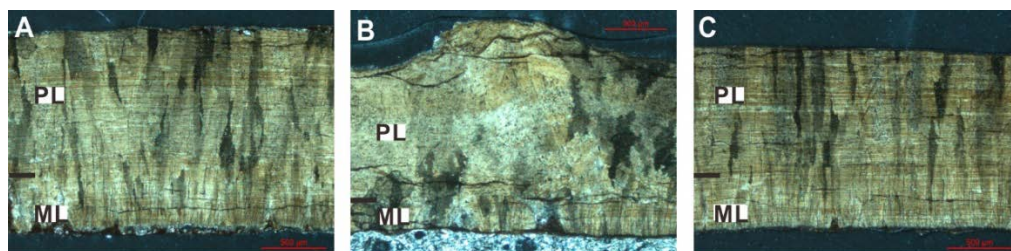


Figure 7-11 Radial sections of eggshells from an embryo-containing egg specimen (NMNS-0015726-F02-embryo-01) attributed to *Heyuannia huangi* from (A) the blunt end, (B) the equatorial region, (C) the acute end in cross-polarized light. Scale bar: 500 μm . Compared to the equatorial region (C), the sections from the blunt (A) and acute (C) ends show a similar microstructure. The erosion in the equatorial region is higher than the others. The similar erosion level at both ends suggests that no air cell existed because the air cell would have protected the inside of the blunt end from erosion. ML, mammillary layer; PL, prismatic layer.

A distinctive feature of oviraptorid and troodontid clutch architecture—the orientation of the eggs, which has never been discussed, may hint for the existence of the chalazae in dinosaur eggs. As reviewed previously, oviraptorid eggs are arranged at an angle >40 degrees to the horizon in the clutch (section 7-3-1 and Chapter 5), and troodontid eggs are nearly vertically arranged ([Varricchio et al., 1997](#)). The steep angle of the eggs suggests that the albumen, if present, must have been sufficiently viscous to prevent the yolk from sinking to the bottom of the egg. However, if the albumen was absent in elongate eggs such as oviraptorid and troodontid eggs, as suggested by [Deeming & Ruta \(2014\)](#), there would have been no need for chalaza and they likely were lacking. More evidence is therefore required for verifying aforementioned inferences.

7-4-8 Eggshell Porosity

Eggshell porosity, which controls water vapor conductance, has been extensively

studied for investigations of the nesting micro-environments of dinosaurs ([Seymour, 1979](#); [Mou, 1992](#); [Deeming, 2006](#); [Jackson et al., 2008](#); [Varricchio et al., 2013](#); [Tanaka, Zelenitsky & Therrien, 2015](#)). The first attempt to investigate the oviraptorid eggshell porosity was done by [Mou \(1992\)](#), who tangentially sectioned several pieces of *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggshells from the Nanxiong Basin of Guangdong Province, China. The author proposed that oviraptorid clutches were completely buried based on the high porosity comparable to modern buried-nesting crocodile eggshells. On the other hand, the depiction of [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) and [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) showed the oviraptorid eggs at least partially exposed in conjunction with brooding (Figure 7-3 & Figure 7-4; Table 7-1), as discussed above. Later, [Deeming \(2006\)](#) cited [Mou \(1992\)](#)'s porosity data for oviraptorid eggs for the inference that most dinosaur eggs, including those of oviraptorids, were incubated under a substrate cover. However, as noted by [Varricchio et al. \(2013\)](#), the estimation of porosity based on single or several pieces of eggshells is problematic because of the heterogeneous distribution of the porosity in *Troodon* eggs. [Yang et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Wiemann et al. \(2017\)](#) sampled eggshells from four different zones from the blunt end, middle part, to acute end of a *Macroolithus yaotunensis* egg and found that the middle part presents the highest porosity comparable to buried crocodile eggshells, yet the blunt end yields the lowest porosity similar to open-nesting bird eggshells. In combination with the reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch (see section 7-3-1 and Chapter 5), such a heterogeneous distribution of porosity thus suggests a partially buried (or partially open) nest architecture for oviraptorid dinosaurs (Figure 7-7; Table 7-1; [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). The heterogeneous distribution of eggshell porosity in oviraptorid eggs indicates that the acute end of an oviraptorid egg was buried in a substrate and the blunt end was exposed.

In addition to nesting mode, eggshell porosity is also indicative of incubation period ([Massaro & Davis, 2005](#); [Zimmermann & Hipfner, 2007](#)). Ornithologists detected a negative correlation between eggshell porosity and incubation period ([Zimmermann & Hipfner, 2007](#)). So far, incubation periods of dinosaurs can be only inferred from histological investigations of embryonic teeth ([Erickson et al., 2017](#)). This elegant method, however, is not applicable to oviraptorosaurs because all of them are toothless and have a beaked (except from *Incisivosaurus* for which no embryos in eggs are known).

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7-4-9 Pigmentation

The fascinating topic of how the coloration of bird eggs evolved has just now become accessible from a paleontological perspective. In previous views or reconstructions (Figure 7-3 & Figure 7-4; [Norell et al., 1995](#); [Dong & Currie, 1996](#)), dinosaur eggs were white like those of modern crocodiles. However, a recent study using chemical analysis found evidence for pigmentation by biliverdin and protoporphyrin in *Macroolithus yaotunensis* eggs from the redbed basins of southeastern China (Chapter 4; [Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). The measured and reconstructed absolute and relative abundance of the two pigments suggests that oviraptorid dinosaur eggs were blue-green and visible to parents, conspecifics, and potential predators ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)). The colored eggs have implications for camouflage, mechanical shell strength, and increased bi-parental care as in modern bird eggs. [Gosler, Higham & Reynolds \(2005\)](#) proposed that eggshell can be mechanically reinforced by the inclusion of pigments when eggshell is thinner for a higher water vapor conductance. On the other hand, the water vapor conductance of eggshells in open nests must be reduced to prevent unnecessary water loss. This hypothesis is echoed by the observation that eggshells are thinner at the blunt end (where the air cell is) than at the middle zone in modern bird eggs ([Maurer, Portugal & Cassey, 2012](#)), suggesting a trade-off between eggshell thickness/inclusion of pigments (mechanical resistance) and eggshell permeability. In the aspect of geometry, the greater radius of curvature at the blunt end would also have increased stability and thus allow a thinner-shelled blunt end. While the air cell is possibly absent in oviraptorid eggs (see section 7-4-6), the semi-open nesting mode thus requires an exposed blunt end with low water vapor conductance. The inclusion of pigments in oviraptorid eggshells might be a selective advantage for sustaining enough mechanical resistance against brooding adults (inferred from clutch-adult associations, see section 7-5-2 and Chapter 5). In addition to inclusion of pigments, [Tanaka et al. \(2018\)](#) hypothesized that bigger brooding oviraptorosaurs reduced the load on their eggs by enlarging the diameter of the central opening. Yet, the mechanical resistance of eggs against a brooding adult is strongly related to the inclining angle of eggs—a key parameter that was rarely discussed previously.

However, the selective advantages of oviraptorid colored eggshells requires further comparisons with modern birds. Since similar analyses have not yet been performed on *Troodon* eggs, it is not clear if egg coloring evolved in the last common ancestor of

oviraptorids and troodontids, i.e., the clade Pennaraptora, or if oviraptorids and modern birds evolved it convergently. The former is suggested by two facts, (1) that therizinosaurids, the sister group to Pennaraptora, have highly porous eggs that were buried and presumably lacked color, (2) that oviraptorid eggs show the same pigments as modern bird eggs.

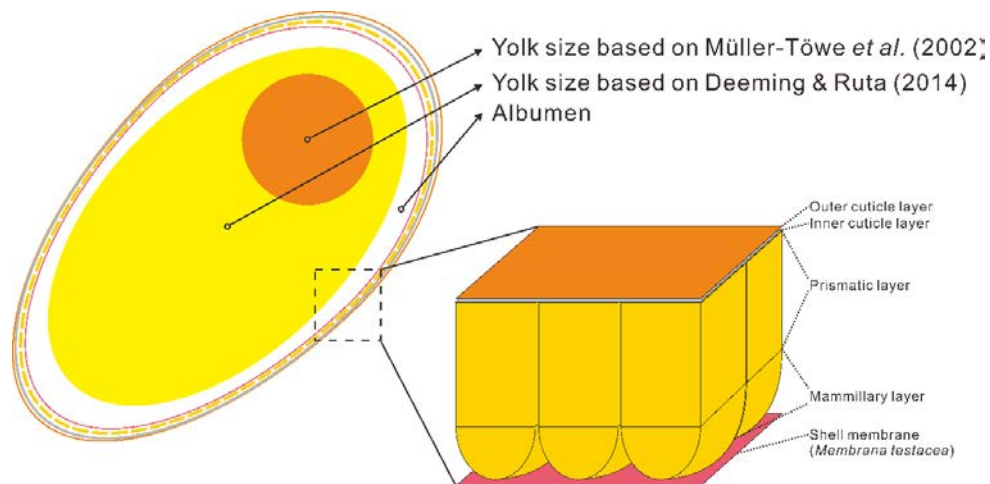


Figure 7-12 Schematic reconstruction of an oviraptorid egg and its eggshell microstructure. Oviraptorid eggs are elongate in shape, with an ornamented blunt end and a smooth acute end. Oviraptorid eggshells have two crystalline layers, including the mammillary layer and prismatic layer but lack the external layer of birds. The eggshell is pigmented by biliverdin and protoporphyrin, coated by the cuticle layer, and underlain by a layer of shell membrane (*membrana testacea*). Note the lack of an air cell and chalazae in our reconstruction. The size of the yolk is still pending for more information. The illustration of a relatively large egg yolk is based on [Deeming & Ruta \(2014\)](#).

7-4-10 The Structure of the Oviraptorid Egg

The variety of studies detailed above allow a comprehensive depiction of an oviraptorid eggs. Macroscopically, an oviraptorid egg is blue-green because of the inclusion of pigments and is elongate, displaying a blunt end, an equatorial part, and an acute end (Figure 7-12). The internal structure of an oviraptorid egg (i.e., yolk and albumen) is unclear despite various surmises. The available evidence suggests the absence of air cell. Microscopically, the oviraptorid eggshell consists of two distinct mineralized crystalline layers including an inner mammillary layer and an outer prismatic layer (Figure 7-12). Chemical evidence indicated the presence of a cuticle layer overlying the mineralized eggshell, yet it is uncertain if the oviraptorid eggshell was underlain by a

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shell membrane (*membrana testacea*). Represented by a higher porosity in the equatorial part than at both ends, the heterogeneous porosity distribution suggested an at least partially open nesting mode. These various lines of evidence demonstrated a unique egg structure in comparison with all known amniote eggs.

7-5 Inferences on Reproductive Biology

7-5-1 Hatching Asynchrony of Oviraptorid Dinosaurs

Whereas isolated embryo-containing eggs have been reported, such eggs preserved in a clutch could provide much additional information on oviraptorid breeding biology, such as on breeding patterns and hatching hierarchy. Only one partial clutch of embryo-containing eggs has been reported ([Weishampel et al., 2008](#)). [Yang et al. \(2017\)](#) report another, better preserved partial clutch with three embryo-containing eggs, a single egg and a pair, from the Late Cretaceous Nanxiong Formation of Jiangxi Province, China (Chapter 5). Based on egg arrangement and geopetal features, there were at least two rings, and the single egg is from the upper ring (see the review of section 7-3-1 and Chapter 5). The single egg thus was laid later than the pair below. This accords with the observation, based on partial preparation of the embryos, that the embryo in the single egg is at an earlier developmental stage than those in the pair, and thus would have hatched later than its putative siblings, an adaptation known as “hatching asynchrony” in extant birds.

The observation of different developmental stages is corroborated by neutron tomographic imaging and differences in eggshell erosion of the single egg vs. the pair (Chapter 5). Hatching asynchrony could have been caused by sequential laying of eggs by a single female or by multiple females contributing to the clutch sequentially. The latter hypothesis is supported by elemental analyses of eggshells from the same clutch that shows inter-pair differences in phosphorus distribution, which is an indicator of female age (Chapter 5). Oviraptorid hatching asynchrony, the only known in nonavian dinosaurs, is inconsistent with the putative brooding behavior because brooding would have synchronized egg development, independently of egg parentage.

7-5-2 Clutch-adult Associations: Brooding? Incubation?

While all archosaurs and many other reptiles lay eggs, this being the plesiomorphic amniote behavior, they show different post-oviposition behavior. Whereas both turtles and crocodiles lay their eggs in a hole they excavate and then bury the eggs in the substrate, turtles abandon the clutch, but some crocodiles show “guarding” behavior to protect eggs from predators. All birds lay eggs and incubate them by direct contact transferring body heat from adults to eggs, except for megapode birds. These incubate their eggs in mounds they built of soil and plant matter, but this peculiar behavior among birds is thought to be secondarily evolved. Some dinosaurs such as *Maiasaura peeblesorum* might have built mound nests, using the heat generated by rotting vegetation for incubation as extant megapode birds and some crocodylians do ([Horner & Gorman, 1988](#); [Hechenleitner, Grellet-Tinner & Fiorelli, 2015](#)).

Brooding, a specific behavior of egg-laying animals, especially birds, is initiated by the end of egg-laying and readiness to sit on the eggs (see section 5-1-1 and references therein). Incubation is the process of maintaining uniform temperature, typically elevated above that of the environment, and humidity of the developing eggs, accomplished by one or both parents sitting on the eggs for extended periods of time and by manipulating the eggs (see section 5-1-1 And references therein). An endothermic physiology is generally considered a prerequisite for incubation behavior because endothermy provides metabolic heat to be transferred to the offspring. Oviraptorosaur dinosaurs, like all near-bird dinosaurs, are considered endothermic animals based on bone histological investigations ([Erickson, 2005](#)). However, it has been unknown if oviraptorosaurs employed avian brooding or incubation behaviors until the discovery of oviraptorid clutch-adult association specimens.

Evidence for brooding in oviraptorosaurs is seemingly provided by seven spectacular clutch-adult associations specimens: IGM 100/979 in [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#), IVPPV9608 in [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#), MPC-D 107/15 and MPC-D 107/16 in [Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav \(2012\)](#), AMNH FARB 6517 in [Norell et al. \(2018\)](#), and two undescribed specimens (AGM 4990 of Figure 7-7; [Bi & Xu, 2017](#)). In fact, these specimens represent the best evidence for brooding in non-avian dinosaurs. The hypothesis of oviraptor brooding was first proposed by [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) base on the clutch-adult association IGM 100/979. The authors also suggested that the brooding oviraptor died in a

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catastrophic sandstorm. Later, in the description of specimen IVPP V9608, [Dong & Currie \(1996\)](#) suggested that the oviraptorid dinosaur was preserved in the laying process; however, they did not provide further supportive evidence. [Horner \(2000\)](#) pointed out that [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#) simply defined “brooding behavior” as the pattern of sitting on the eggs. [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) noted that it was difficult for the adult to sit upon the clutch without disturbing the highly organized egg arrangement. Therefore, if the oviraptorid adult on the clutch had been brooding, the highly organized egg arrangement would have been absent. [Deeming \(2002a\)](#)'s argument, however, was inconsistent with his reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch (Figure 7-8) and a buried nesting mode inferred by eggshell porosity ([Deeming, 2006](#)) because buried or partially-buried eggs (Chapter 4) were unlikely disturbed by a brooding adult. [Deeming \(2002a\)](#) also pointed out that simply using the close physical association of an oviraptorid skeleton with a clutch to infer brooding behavior is insufficient.

On the other hand, there were studies agreeing with [Norell et al. \(1995\)](#)'s hypothesis. For instance, [Grellet-Tinner et al. \(2006\)](#) suggested that the two-layered oviraptorid eggshell was an adaptation to strengthen the eggshell for the lower eggs in a clutch bearing the mass of the upper eggs and the brooding adult. Yet, megapodes eggs are three-layered and not incubated by parents, thus arguing against [Grellet-Tinner et al. \(2006\)](#)'s hypothesis. Moreover, the evidence from the reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch demonstrated that the long axis of oviraptorid eggs inclined at an angle of >40 degrees to the ground (Figure 7-8; [Yang et al., 2018b](#)). Such a high inclining angle of eggs in oviraptorid clutches would have greatly increased the mechanical resistance of eggs against the normal force (i.e., a brooding adult), as suggested by a biomechanical study on dinosaur eggs in different orientations ([Zhao & Ma, 1997](#)). In addition to egg orientation, [Tanaka et al. \(2018\)](#) demonstrated that the oviraptorosaurs might have reduced the load on eggs by increasing the diameter of the central opening where accommodate the brooding adult.

Recently, two clutch-adult associations from Mongolia were reported, further supporting the brooding hypothesis and the speculation that the adult suffocated in the sandstorm ([Fanti, Currie & Badamgarav, 2012](#); [Norell et al., 2018](#)). However, two unreported clutch-adult associations from the Late Cretaceous fluvial Nanxiong Formation in southern China indicate that the hypothesis of suffocation in a sandstorm

cannot explain all clutch-adult associations.

To briefly conclude, the brooding hypothesis is still under debate. Most arguments came from the indistinctive definition of “brooding” and “incubation” (see the clarification in section 5-1-1). [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) clearly distinguishes incubation from brooding and suggests that oviraptorids brooded their eggs but did not incubate them (also see section 7-3-1 And Chapter 5). This interpretation is consistent with a low body temperature inferred from a geochemical approach ([Eagle et al., 2015](#), but see [Amiot et al., 2017](#)). Based on five complete oviraptorid clutches excavated from Jiangxi Province, China, [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) provided a comprehensive reconstruction of an oviraptorid clutch based on all available evidence (Figure 7-8). All eggs were arranged in pairs with their blunt ends pointing inward a center devoid of eggs. The inclination of eggs in an oviraptorid clutch was between 35° and 40°, suggesting a nesting mound. An oviraptorid clutch may consist of up to four rings of eggs. Furthermore, porosity distribution suggests a partially open nest ([Yang et al., 2015](#)), supported by the presence of shell pigmentation ([Wiemann et al., 2017](#)), with the blunt ends end of the eggs exposed to the air. [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) also suggested that the sediment interbedded between the different layers of eggs was part of the original clutch architecture and not added by sedimentary processes after abandonment of the clutch (section 7-3-1).

The multi-ring clutch prevents sufficient heat transfer to the lower rings of eggs, as already noted by [Deeming \(2002a\)](#). Moreover, the sediment separating the eggs and partially encasing them would mean that incubation heat would not easily have reached the lower part of the clutch. Another evidence that contradicts the hypothesis of thermoregulatory contact incubation, in the aspect of clutch arrangement, is the center devoid of eggs. Incubation behavior as a peculiar avian trait is always associated with a brood patch. The brood patch is a feather-less region in an incubating bird's belly, allowing for efficient heat transfer to the incubated eggs. An incubating bird keeps its eggs close to its body (brooding patch) by building a nest as small as possible, allowing for efficient heat transfer and equal covering of the eggs. The interpretation of incubating oviraptors is inconsistent with the clutch center devoid of eggs right where the brooding patch would have been.

These lines of evidence suggest that the clutch-adult associations are better explained as representing guarding or brooding behavior without thermoregulatory

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contact incubation as seen in some extant crocodiles. A recent review by [Varricchio & Jackson \(2016\)](#) also noted that these clutch-adult associations suggest a brooding behavior homologous to that in birds, without necessarily implying the thermoregulatory contact incubation. However, [Yang et al. \(2018b\)](#) also suggested that the interpretation of the clutch-adult associations as females preserved during the act of laying eggs may still be valid (Chapter 5) and that the nesting biology of oviraptorids was unique and not analogous to any modern oviparous animals.

Besides, new clutch-adult associations from fluvial deposits of southern China indicated common occurrences in different environments and implied that the adults atop clutch may have been killed by a catastrophic sandstorm or flash flood (see Chapter 5). Hence, although so far is there no consensus on the presence and mode of putative brooding or incubation behaviors in oviraptorid dinosaurs, evidence from various perspectives suggested a distinctive nesting biology in oviraptorid dinosaurs, which is not analogous to any modern oviparous animals.

7-5-3 Parental Care and Polygamy

Parental care is one of the distinctive behaviors that differ birds from other oviparous vertebrates and possibly enables birds to survive the K-Pg extinction event ([Varricchio & Jackson, 2016](#); [Tanaka et al., 2018](#)). Parental care consists of pre-hatching care (i.e., guarding, nest construction, communal nesting, brooding, and incubation behaviors) and post-hatching care (parental care and feeding behavior). Previous studies have suggested post-hatching parental care in ornithischian dinosaurs ([Horner & Makela, 1979](#); [Meng et al., 2004](#), but see [Zhao et al., 2013](#)), yet there was no tangible evidence of post-hatching parental care in oviraptorid dinosaurs.

Birds have evolved three different parental care strategies, including paternal care, maternal care, and bi-parental care. Among birds, more than 85% of bird species adopt bi-parental care ([Whittow & Tazawa, 1991](#); [Wesołowski, 2004](#)). By comparison, paternal care only accounts for less than 1% of all bird species. Interestingly, paternal care is observed in most paleognath birds, such as ostriches and emus. Since birds are surviving dinosaurs, many previous studies have raised the question if any of these mating systems were already present in non-avian dinosaurs ([Wesołowski \(1994\)](#); [Burley & Johnson \(2002\)](#); [Wesołowski, 2004](#)).

Using only evidence from living birds, [Burley & Johnson \(2002\)](#) and [Wesołowski \(1994\)](#) proposed female-care first and male-care first models, respectively for the evolution of parental care in birds. [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) compared the ratio of clutch volume to adult body mass in several extant archosaurs with different care systems. They posited that the ratios derived from clutch-adult associations of the oviraptorids *Citipati* and *Oviraptor* and the troodontid *Troodon* are closest to extant paternal-care, polygamous birds because of their high observed clutch volume to adult mass ratio (but see [Birchard, Ruta & Deeming, 2013](#) and [Moore & Varricchio, 2016](#)). They also stated that the histological analysis cannot falsify the hypothesis that the supposed brooding oviraptorosaurs were males because none of the skeletons sitting on clutches showed medullary bone, which might give support to Wesołowski's paternal care first model ([Wesołowski, 1994](#)).

7-5-4 Communal Nesting

Communal nesting behavior refers to a single clutch being contributed by multiple females, such as in ostriches and emus ([van Tyne & Berger, 1961](#)). Communal nesting behavior is observed in all mating systems of birds, including monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, and polygynandry. [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#) suggested that the high ratio of clutch size to adult mass indicates communal nesting and polygamy in derived non-avian dinosaurs such as oviraptorosaurs. However, based on a bigger dataset (but megapodes were excluded), [Birchard, Ruta & Deeming \(2013\)](#) considered that the use of the ratio of clutch size to adult mass to infer the communal nesting behavior and polygamy in extinct animals was problematic because they failed to infer the correct mating mode in modern birds using [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#)'s methods. Later, the analysis of an even bigger dataset by [Moore & Varricchio \(2016\)](#) concluded that body mass, parental care strategy, and hatchling maturity are significantly correlated to clutch volume across Diapsida, demonstrating the reliability of [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#).

[Sander et al. \(2008\)](#) analyzed shell thickness variation in sauropod eggs and found great variation in the eggshells from different clutches of the same nesting horizon but little variation in those from the same clutch. In addition, from a biological perspective, [Christians \(2002\)](#) observed a large variation in egg size of many avian species and pointed out that approximately 70% of the variation in egg size is due to the variation between

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clutches rather than within a single clutch. These observations also indicate that oviraptorid eggs laid by different individuals would vary in size due to body and pelvis size variation, maternal health, etc., etc. These studies provided possible methods for testing the hypothesis of [Varricchio et al. \(2008\)](#). In addition, [Yang et al. \(2016\)](#) proposed chemical evidence for communal nesting behavior in oviraptorid dinosaurs.

7-5-5 Colonial Nesting

Colonial nesting behaviors is defined as a several to many conspecific birds building their nests and laying their eggs in the same area. The evidence of colonial nesting of dinosaurs in the fossil record has been found in Enantiornithes birds from the Late Cretaceous of Romania ([Dyke et al., 2012](#)) and sauropods from France and Spain ([Sander et al., 1998](#); [Sander et al., 2008](#)). In oviraptorid dinosaurs, unlike the communal nesting behavior that has been supported by a chemical study ([Yang et al., 2016](#)), the colonial nesting was never discussed despite a great number of discoveries of eggs or clutches. Recently, [He, Huang & Li \(2017\)](#) reported a large aggregation of oviraptorid clutches on the same bedding plane, suggesting a possible oviraptorid nesting colony.

7-6 Conclusion

This dissertation aims at comprehensively interpret the reproductive biology of a particular dinosaur group based on all available evidence deduced from the fossil record. The evidence compiled indicates that oviraptorid dinosaurs exhibit many unique reproductive biology traits such as cuticle-coated and pigmented eggshells, highly organized clutches, hatching asynchrony, communal nesting behavior, and polygamy, forming a peculiar group that is not analogous to any modern birds or reptiles. For instance, their spatially highly organized clutches represent a unique reproductive trait not seen in living birds nor reptiles. Their wide distribution and high diversity throughout Asia demonstrate that oviraptorids radiated extensively, possibly based on their innovative egg features and reproductive strategies. Combining traditional paleontological methods with cutting-edge techniques, this dissertation sheds new light on the reproductive biology of oviraptorid dinosaurs, providing new avenues for investigating the reproductive biology of other extinct animals.

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<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> from Hongcheng Basin, Jiangxi,	<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> from Liguangqiao Basin, Henan, China	<i>Macroolithus yaotunensis</i> from Nanxiong Basin, Guangdong,	<i>Triprismatolithus stepheni</i> from Sevenhills, Montana, USA	Sediment from Hongcheng Basin, Jiangxi, China	Sediment from Liguangqiao Basin, Henan, China	Sediment from Nanxiong Basin, Guangdong, China	Sediment from Sevenmile Hill outcrops, Montana, USA	<i>Crocodylia porosus</i>	<i>Tamistoma schlegelii</i>
17416	7271.58	7632.631	3242.95	14595.68	13691.03877	1230.288058	2709.612757	223.526	12601.63955	19309.07633
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7495	6119.58	8506.63	3280.05	14001.89	8051.480601	768.2638548	686.7989112	79.211	5130.411717	9936.826909

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7599	6153.63	8555.105	3316.32	14057.58	8010.167391	760.4535697	684.1074477	79.789	5085.897399	9887.00692
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5465	5306.16	7653.632	2974.42	12018.16	6281.205425	623.5288094	493.0420083	729.579	4153.44594	7317.951865
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5355	5358.58	7661	2963.58	12019.53	6286.925813	621.2932218	504.4494736	624.263	4228.385881	7301.190193

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5409	5390.16	7773.21	3039.95	12149	6246.612688	624.5155829	505.048511	572.421	4225.481997	7273.754377
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5151	5230.79	7560.105	2929.58	11810.42	6128	616.778	474.889	359.053	4141.25	7005.999512

Appendix II (electronic version only)

Raw data of elemental mapping of dinosaur eggshells.

Thickness (μm)	<i>Tripismatoolithus</i> Ca	<i>Tripismatoolithus</i> P	Thickness (μm)	<i>Macroolithus</i> Jiangxi Ca	<i>Macroolithus</i> Jiangxi P	Thickness (μm)	<i>Macroolithus</i> Henan Ca	<i>Macroolithus</i> Henan P	Thickness (μm)	<i>Macroolithus</i> Guangdong Ca	<i>Macroolithus</i> Guangdong P
1	450	2	1	4931	6	0	12775	5	0	4576	2
2	488	7	2	11863	10	1.01	12692	6	1.02	10925	2
3	754	10	3	15206	6	2.02	12705	8	2.03	10427	1
4	684	13	4	16954	3	3.03	12987	3	3.05	12079	5
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